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Facility Atsugi, Japan, pays close attention Tuesday to Seisui Abe of the Saitama Sobau chi Club. He's explaining the fine points of stirring and kneading the flour used to make

Right: Members of the NAF Atsugi Officer Spouse Association and Japan Mariti Self-Defense Force Wives Club sit down together for a meal featuring the soba noodle they just made. The two spouse clubs meet about once a month in an effort to share ral experiences.





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New York mall shooting: A preliminary hearing was scheduled Wednes day in Kingston, N.Y., for a man accused of firing dozens of rounds from an assault rifle as he strode into a crowded suburban mall, injuring two men

and terrifying shoppers. Robert Bonelli Jr., 25, was arrested on assault and reckless endangerment charges after he lowered the weapon and surrendered Sunday afternoon at Hudson Valley

CIA leak investigation: The lawver for two reporters facing jail for refusing to divulge their sources about the leak of an undercover CIA officer's name says he will challenge a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ordering them to talk.

Floyd Abrams said he will ask the full appeals court to reverse the order compelling Time magazine's Matthew Cooper and The New York Times' Judith Miller to testify before a federal grand jury about their confidential sources

The special prosecutor in the case, Chicago U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, is investigating whether a crime was commit ted when someone leaked the identity of CIA officer Valerie Plame.

Kentucky plant explosion: A fiery explosion that killed seven people and injured 37 at a Corbin, Ky., insulation factory in 2003 could have been prevented if managers and regulators had addressed a buildup of flammable dust, a federal investigation concluded Tuesday.

The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board determined that the Feb. 20, 2003, blast at the CTA Acoustics plant was due to combustible dust that accumulated to unsafe levels and was ignited by an open oven door. The door was left open, the investigators said, to cool the oven because the temperature control had been malfunctioning for several days

Va. Route 29 Stalker: A Prince William County, Va., judge on Monday issued a limited gag order in the case of the man accused of being the "Route 29 Stalker" in the mid-1990s. Monday's hearing was one of several pretrial hearings in the case of Darrell D. Rice, 37. Prosecutors believe Rice convinced more than a dozen women to stop in the Route 29 corridor by convincing



Quake cleanup: A video-rental shop worker cleans up a floor scattered with CDs and videos that fell after a magnitude-5.4 earthquake shook Tokyo early Wednesday, At least 28 people were injured, three serious-ly, in the Ibaraki area, just north of the capital, according to the Fire and Disaster Management Agency. Local train service was temporarily suspended in Ibaraki and transport authorities shut down an expressway to motorists for about 90 minutes as a precaution, media reports said. There was no property damage reported on U.S.

them there was something wrong with their vehicles

Snakehead fish: A group of Western county commissioners who have problems with the Endangered Species Act has netitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to have the northern snakehead, an Asian fish that's invaded the East, protected under the act

The commissioners hope their petition will show lawmakers in the East what problems the act presents to officials in the

The large, toothy fish has been dubbed the "Frankenfish." It can grow up to 3 feet. breathe air and wriggle across land

Business

HealthSouth trial: Defense lawyers for Richard Scrushy closed their cross-examination of the prosecution's key witness with sharp questioning that sought to depict HealthSouth Corp.'s ex-finance chief to jurors in Birmingham. Ala., as a tax-dodging, manipulative liar.

The defense contends that former CFO Bill Owens orchestrated the massive fraud at the rehabilitation giant. Owens maintained that Scrushy was behind the scheme to overstate earnings by some \$2.7 billion.

World

Bird flu outbreak: International efforts to combat bird flu in Asia need to be stepped up to forestall a worldwide pandemic, two U.N.-affiliated agencies warned on Wednesday.

The Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization and the Paris-based World Organization for Animal Health called for funding to help support national anti-bird flu campaigns, especially in the poorest of the affected nations.

Thatcher's son: The son of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will appear in a South Africa court Friday to answer questions about a botched coup attempt in Equatorial Guinea, his lawyer said Wednesday.

Thatcher, who has lived in South Africa since 1995, pleaded guilty last month to violating South Africa's anti-mercenary laws by unwittingly helping to finance last year's coup attempt in the oil-rich West African nation. He admitted financing a heliconter despite suspicions that it might be used for military purposes.

Cat Stevens case: Two British newspapers said Tuesday they had paid unspecified damages to the singer once known as Cat Stevens over articles suggesting the Muslim convert had links to terrorists

The musician, now known as Yusuf Islam, said The Sunday Times and The Sun had promised not to repeat the allegation and agreed to pay his legal costs and "substantial damages.

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Two new ships to call Yokosuka home

Upgraded guided- missile destroyers to replace Vincennes, Cushing

Stars and Strines

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan - Navy officials an-nounced the replacements for two Vokosuka-based shins leaving soon for decommissioning in San Diego, officials said last

The guided missile cruiser USS Vincennes is expected to depart in April after nearly eight years in Yokosuka.

The Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Lassen will arrive to replace it around June, Navy officials announced.

In June, the Spruance-class destrover USS Cushing is expected to depart, to be replaced in September by the guided missile de-stroyer USS Stethem, commissioned in 1995.

The ships will bring some of the latest technology to bolster the U.S. Navy's role in supporting the mutual-defense treaty with Japan, according to Navy leaders.

"The big difference is they have a greater combat capability," said Cmdr. John Wallach, spokesman for Commander,

Meet the vessels

Two new guided missile destroyers will move to Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, this year. The USS Lassen (hull number DDG-82) and USS Stethem (DDG-63), both presently based in San Diego, operate independently as multithreat offensive ships, to screen battle groups, support forces and convoys and perform strike warfare functions against inland targets, according to the Navy.

They provide their own air warfare, surface warfare and under sea warfare self-defense.

The ships, considered the Navy's most versatile, are equipped with guided missiles and carry two SH-60 Seahawk helicopters.

Naval Forces Japan. "Newer, advanced Aegis combat systems and better capabilities.

The Vincennes, the Navy's first Ticonderoga-class Aegis cruiser to operate in the Pacific Fleet, was commissioned in 1985 and holds a crew of about 362.

The Lassen, commissioned in 2001, will bring a crew of 317.

The Cushing, commissioned in 1979, carries a crew of 345 and has been based at Yokosuka for eight years. The Stethem carries a crew of 317

The new ships have fewer per-

sonnel aboard, and therefore fewer families will be moving to

"Both USS Cushing and USS Vincennes are nearing the end of which mes are hearing the end of their service lives," stated a Navy release. "These ship rotations are part of the Navy's long-range plan to routinely replace older ships assigned to the Navy's Forward Deployed Naval Forces with newer or more canable surface combat-

The new guided-missile destroyers currently are home-ported in San Diego. E-mail Juliana Gittler at: gittlerj@pstripes.osd.mi



The guided missile destroyer USS Lassen, shown here, is expected to arrive at Yokosuka Naval Base around June, followed by the USS Stethem in September. Each of the ships carries a crew of 317.

Sailors welcome spouses aboard



A spouse of a sailor assigned to Carrier Strike Group 5 prepares to watch as an F/A-18F Super Hornet from Strike Fighter Squadron 102 launches from the flight deck of USS Kitty Hawk during a one-day tour of the ship at sea Sunday. Tours of the Kitty Hawk are conducted to raise awareness of 7th Fleet missions.

Correction

The story in Wednesday's editions on the Army's new combat badge contained two errors. The Combat Infantryman Badge and the Close Combat Badge are worn on the left-hand breast pocket.

Also, unit patches can be worn as com bat patches on the right shoulder if the military operation lasted more than 30 days. There is no time in-theater requirement

Music and theater event

MISAWA, Japan - The Misawa International Association and the University of Maryland University College are sponsoring a free evening of music and theater at the Misawa International Center from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

The "New Year" Concert includes musicians from the university faculty, the Edgren High School brass band, a male chorus group from Misawa city and local French musicians. One-act plays written by David Jenkins, UMUC associate professor, also will be presented. Free refreshments will be served. Call DSN 225-3690 for more information.

From staff reports

U.S., Japan prepare to renegotiate costs for military support

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Strings

Japanese and U.S. government officials are preparing to hammer out terms of a new agreement that would set how much Japan spends on supporting U.S. forces.

The so-called "sympathy budget" includes construc-

tion projects on U.S. military bases, utility costs, master labor contract employees and range relocation expenses, according to U.S. Forces Japan spokesman Col. Victor Warzinski

Warzinski said it's a shared cost that's part of the "Japanese contribution to supporting stationing of U.S. forces in Japan." The five-year special-measures agreement expires in

March 2006. The Japan Times reported this week that Japanese government officials would seek to reduce Japan's contribution, but a Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokeswoman on Wednesday denied the report, maintaining that while the government plans to discuss the budget, it has not decided its strategy yet.

Warzinski said he didn't know if Japan would seek to

reduce its cost-share of U.S. troops.

"Those discussions have yet to get under way in ear-," he said Wednesday, noting those would involve not only USFJ, but representatives from the U.S. Embassy, State and Defense departments, as well as their Japanese government counterparts. "It would be premature to predict any other outcomes. It's obviously something U.S. Forces Japan will be working very diligently on over the next several months.

The issue could arise as early as Saturday, when top U.S. and Japanese defense and foreign ministry officials are expected to meet in Washington, D.C., for "two plus

"It may be a topic of discussion then." Warzinski said. The security meeting provides a forum to discuss "is-ues of mutual concern," Warzinski said, such as "global sues of mutual concern, posturing, the North Korea nuclear issue and other issues significant to U.S.-Japan relations.

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Kinnick program eases transition for 9th-graders

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, apan — Nile C. Kinnick High School ninth-grader Sablle Titus illustrates some of the reasons a team concept implemented there helps freshmen adapt to life in high school

"It's easier You have the same teachers most of the time." she said, adding it also keeps her in line. "You have more responsibility. You stay out of trouble because you can get into trouble fast er since everyone knows your

Under the team concept — similar to that used in many middle schools — freshmen are grouped into teams for core classes and a study hall-like period. This is the first school year in which all Kinnick freshmen were put into

For much of the day, they stay with the same classmates and teachers

"High school can be a pretty scary place for freshmen," said Nathan Brewster, history teacher and team leader for the Main Team, one of three at Kinnick and named for the building where the teachers' classrooms are located. "We get a chance to prep them for high school. You still get the structure of a team but you get the freedom of high school."

"They're the top of the heap [in middle school] and a scant 21/2 months later they're not at the bottom of the barrel, they are the bot-



A program at Kinnick High school on Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, is designed to help freshmen adjust to the rigors of high-school academics. The program's team concept puts freshmen together in groups. For much of the day, they work with the same classmates and teachers.

tom of the barrel," added John Taylor, English teacher and the C Team leader (from the C build-

Having familiar faces in the classroom and the same group of teachers to work with offers freshmen stability to help alleviate that stress, he said.

Students get to know each other better, which helps them navigate the thorny social world of high school

When the system began to be phased in two years ago, many parents and students feared it would too closely imitated middle

"That was one of the big con-cerns coming into this," Brewster But in the freshman team sys-

tem, students have more personal responsibility than they do in middle school, where grades have more maneuverability.

The team method has led to better discipline among students and fewer low grades than at other Department of Defense Dependents Schools in Asia, school officials

The team also changes the way teachers work together. Teachers have more opportunity to compare notes on a student who may be facing academic or discipline problems



That's one of the biggest bene fits I see: We can get together and talk about kids," Brewster said.

That also helps at parent-teach er meetings, when a parent might he reluctant to follow advice from one teacher. Coming from the entire team, a message can have a greater impact.

The teachers also work togeth. er on curriculum and projects. Team C is working on a project that reflects the recent devastating tsunamis. The students learned about waves in science and will learn about South Asia in geography

Main Team is working on a research project on genetics.

Different classes approach different aspects of the subject, including the legality, economics ethics and science of cloning and the geography of disease.

All of it can be woven into a larger writing project in English "It helps students gain a deeper

and broader perspective of what they're learning," said Rene Schofield, Main Team's English teacher E-mail Juliana Gittler at:

Top U.S. **Scouts** to lead seminar

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — About 40 Boy Scouts and Scouts leaders from the region, and 10 from the United States, will visit Tama Hills Recreation Area near Tokyo on Friday as part of the National Leadership Seminar for the Far East Council, which serves Japan, South Korea, Okinawa, the Philippines. Taiwan and Thailand

Leading them this year will be two of the Boy Scouts' most impressive youth leaders: Patrick Murphy, 18, the new national chief of the Order of the Arrow, the Scouts' national honor society, and Ross Armstrong, 19, newly elected Western Region chief for the order.

This is a unique [opportunity] for any Boy Scout council, let alone one as distant as ours," said Guy Eichsteadt, Far East Council Scout executive, in a written state-ment. "A National Leadership Seminar is usually conducted for several councils, never only one. And to have both the national and regional chiefs attend is a great compliment to the quality of our scouting program." The seminar also will bring to-

ether other national and regional leaders to develop leadership skills, according to Derek Hartley, Japan District Scout executive and the event manager.
"The weekend is action-packed

and 'go from the start,' " Hartley said in a statement. "A lot of information is nacked into a short time period, and with the caliber of these national-level youth leaders we plan to take advantage of every moment of their time.

The Far East Council has service centers on Camp Zama. Japan; Yongsan Garrison, South Korea; and Camp Foster, Okinawa. For information, contact the group at boyscout@zama.army. mil, or call DSN 263-7497.

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A firm foundation **Equipment Operator 3rd Class** Robert Chord, attached to Naval

Mobile Construction Battalion 40 Detachment Sasebo, operates a walk-behind roller Tuesday to compact the gravel over a foundation before concrete is poured at the site of a pre-engineered building that will become a fire station in Sakibe Training Area. The Seabees attached to NMCR-40 Detachment Saseho are on a regularly scheduled

six-month deployment from Port Hueneme, Calif. They are scheduled to conduct various upgrades to existing facilities and facility installation projects at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan.

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Kidnapped journalist pleads for life

BY TODD PITMAN The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Sobbing and clasping her hands together in prayer, kidnapped Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena appeared on a new video Wednesday pleading for her life and calling on U.S.-led troops to pull out of Iraq

You must end the occupation: it's the only way we can get out of this situation." Sgrena said in the videotape, delivered to Associated Press Television News

Rocking back and forth and struggling to hold back tears. Sgrena appeared alone in the brief footage, only her shadow visible on a white background behind her. In the upper left corner of the image, the words "Mujahedeen Without Borders" appeared in digital red Arabic script.

"I ask the Italian government, the Italian people struggling against the occupation. I ask my husband, please, help me," Sgrena said in French. "You must do all you can to end the occupation.

'I'm counting on you, you can The 56-year-old reporter for the communist daily Il Manifesto

was kidnapped by unidentified gunmen in a hail of gunfire on Feb. 4 near Baghdad University. Since then, conflicting claims

about her case have appeared on Islamic militant Web sites. One said she had been killed, another said she would be released, and vet another said her fate depended on whether Italy would quickly withdraw troops from Iraq.



Above: In this image taken from video released on Wednesday, a woman who identified herself as kidna Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena appears pleading for her life and calling on U.S.-led troops to pull out of Iraq. Right: A portrait of Florence Aubenas and Sgrena h a statue undergoing renovation on Friday in Paris Aubenas has been missing in Iraq for more than a n

The Italian Foreign Ministry has said it has doubts about all such Web statements.

In the APTN footage, Sgrena spoke in both Italian and French and wore a light green jacket and shirt. She appeared in good health, but looked tired and was clearly anxious, locking her fingers together and shaking her hands as if begging.

At one point, her eyes watering as she struggled to recite her message, she waved the camera to

'Nobody should come to Iraq at s time," she said. "Not even this time, journalists. Nobody

Last week, Sgrena's newspaper said it had indications she is alive and that intelligence officials had established indirect contact with

the kidnappers. It is not known who kidnapped the journalist. Italy has said it will

not pay a ransom for her release alian government officials and Sgrena's colleagues have publicized the journalist's pacifist convictions in hopes it might help

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Il Manifesto strongly opposed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. It has fiercely criticized Italian Prime Minister Berlusconi's decision to deploy 3.000 troops in the U.S.-led multinational force in Iraq.

More than 190 foreigners have been abducted in Iraq in the past year. At least 13 remain in the hands of their captors, more than 30 were killed and the rest were

freed or escaped. Sgrena is at least the ninth Italian citizen seized in Iraq in recent

Italian Senate backs keeping troops in Iraq

ROME - The Senate voted Wednesday to extend Italy's troop deployment in Iraq through June, hours after the nation heard a wrenching, televised appeal by an Italian journalist held hostage in Iraq

Giuliana Sgrena begged Italians to "put pressure on the government" for the withdrawal of troops. The video, delivered anonymously to Associated Press Television News in Baghdad, was shown repeatedly on Italian networks.

The Senate voted by 141 to 112 to extend funding for the Iraq mission, with one abstention. The motion must now go to the lower house for final approval

Premier Silvio Berlusconi's center-right coalition has a comfortable majority in both houses of Parliament.

Italy's contingent, which currently includes some 3,250 troops, is one of the largest contributors to the U.S.-coalition. "Who is asking us not to stay

in Iraq? It is the terrorists who are asking," said Domenico Nania, a senator for government coalition partner National Allliance, said just before the vote. "What counts today is what is right for the Iraqi people and for this we have to show all our solidarity in this work of reconstruction

- The Associated Press

Police find 8 bound, gagged corpses north of Baghdad

U.S. forces and insurgents clash; bombs explode near American convoys

BY TODD PITMAN The Associated Press

BAGHDAD Police on Wednesday found the bodies of eight Iragis, mostly civilians who'd been working at a U.S. military base, gagged and shot in the back of the head north of the Iraqi

Elsewhere, U.S. forces clashed

with insurgents in the cities of Ramadi and Samarra, and militants attacked U.S. convoys with bombs in the northern city of

The eight Iragis had been miss ing since they were kidnapped three days ago by insurgents, said

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Mohammed Latif, chief of the local police force in Dejali, about 40 miles north of Raghdad

The bodies were found in shallow graves in a desert area. Each corpse had been tightly bound around the legs and arms, their mouths taped shut. A piece of paper was attached to each body, on which was written: "This is the punishment of the traitors and those who work for the American occupation." Latif said

Seven of the slain men were last heard from as they were heading from a military base in al-Bakr to their homes in Dejali. An eighth unidentified corpse was discovered along with them, Latif said.

In Ramadi 70 miles west of the capital, insurgents fired more than 25 mortar rounds at U.S. and Iraqi positions, including a group of American troops hunkered in an abandoned glass factory, witnesses said.

The attack sparked clashes in several parts of the city afterward, and American troops sealed off a southeastern district of Ramadi, said resident Hussein

There was no word on casualties. U.S. Marine Capt. Brad Gordon denied any clashes had taken place. He said U.S. authorities received a report that insurgents

had opened fire, "but coalition forces did not return fire because they could not positively identify either a target or a point of ori-

Doctors at Ramadi's main hospital said at least one Iraqi civilian had been killed in the cross-Clashes between militants and

U.S. troops backed by Iraqi National Guardsmen also erunted in Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad. One Iraqi was killed and another was wounded, hospital official Alaa Eldin Mohammed said.

In the northern city of Mosul, a bomb exploded alongside a U.S. military convoy, injuring several people near Mosul's Yarmouk Square, witnesses said. At least one U.S. military vehicle was damaged in the blast. Iraqi and American officials could not immediately be reached for com-

In a separate incident, a bomb exploded alongside another U.S. convoy in the east of the city, witnesses said. No casualties were reported in the blast, but American troops opened fire afterward, in juring several people, residents

Also in Mosul, three television technicians were injured after a mortar attack on Mosul TV station, an employee there said. In a northern district of the city, gunmen seriously wounded a police colonel and killed his driver in the northern city of Mosul, said Sayed Hussein, a medic at a Mosul hospital where the casualties were brought. The colonel's bodyguard was also wounded in the attack, he said.

In the capital, gunmen shot dead Interior Ministry intelligence officer 1st Lt. Ghazi Hoshi as he was getting into his car to go to work in the southern neighborhood of Dora, said Falah Mohamadawi a police detective

In Kirkuk, an Iragi army colo nel, Ibrahim Ahmed, died of wounds suffered after gunmen opened fire on his vehicle west of the city a day earlier, said police Col. Anwar Hassan. Police in Kirkuk also found the severed head of an unidentified man, believed to be Iraqi.

In other violence Tuesday, a U.S. soldier assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force was killed in action in western Iraq, the U.S. military said in a state-ment from Fallujah on Wednes-

day.
The military gave no other de-

On Wednesday, two U.S. soldiers died in vehicle accidents and a third of a non-combat injury, the military said, giving no other details.

Lawmakers press Rumsfeld DOD spending more per troop in fighting terror on U.S. involvement in Iraq than in previous wars

BY LIZ SIDOTI The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - With U.S. ca. sualties in Iraq climbing, lawmakers pressed Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld on Wednesday about the scope of the insurgency, the training of Iraqi security forces, American troop levels in the fragile state and an end game for U.S. involvement.

"We must win the war, but what is our strategy?" Rep. Ike Skelton, the top Democrat on the House Armed Services Commit-tee, implored. "American troops are still paying a deadly price.

Rumsfeld, in written remarks submitted to the committee. warned that terrorists are regrouping for another strike, but that the United States is prepar-ing to deal with any threat. "The extremists continue to plot to attack again. They are at this moment recalibrating and reorganiz-ing. And so are we," he wrote, without providing any specifics on a potential threat or another at-

However the Pentagon chief's oral remarks were more reserved as he sought to convince lawmakers to provide enough money for the Pentagon to be able to transform the military into a force able to take on the threat of terrorists.

"What lessons have we learned during the past three plus years of warfare that can lead us to better calibrate and refine our strate gies against the enemies who lest we forget, have brains?

"They watch what we do. They adapt to what we do, just as we watch what they do and adapt to what they do." Rumsfeld told law-

Offering his argument for President Bush's request for \$419 billion in defense spending for fiscal 2006, Rumsfeld said the plan sets an ambitious course to "continue prosecuting the war and to attack its ideological underpinnings."

He spoke to lawmakers increasingly concerned about an exit strategy for Iraq, a timetable for troops to return home and the skyrocketing costs of the war. Earlier this week, Bush asked Congress for \$82 billion in emergency money to fund the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Rumsfeld argued that reforms and initiatives in the budget support the Pentagon's effort to transform the military into a more agile, deployable force in responding to the terrorist threat.

"The Cold War has passed into history," the Pentagon chief said, adding that the budget is "essential because of the ruthlessness and resourcefulness of the ene mies we face."

"Victory in this global struggle will require a military configured and funded to defend against the security threats of this century. not the conventional battles or the conventional wisdom of the last,



Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld listens to a question Wednesday as he testifies on Capitol Hill before the House Armed Services Committee hearing on the Defense Department's fiscal 2006 budget.

CIA chief offers grim take on terror threat

BY KATHERINE SHRADER The Associated Pres.

WASHINGTON - Al-Qaida and associated groups top the list of threats to the United States,

leading government intelligence Congress Wednesday in a grim assessment that also highlighted Iran's emergence as a major threat to Ameri-can interests in the Middle East.

Despite gains made against al-Oaida and other affiliates, CIA Director Porter Goss, in an unusu ally blunt statement before the mostly secretive Senate Intelligence Committee, said the terror group is intent on finding ways to circumvent U.S. security enh ments to attack the homeland.

"It may be only a matter of time before al-Qaida or other groups attempt to use chemical, biological, radiological or nucle-

ar weapons. We must focus on that," Goss said. FBI Director Robert Mueller cautioned of the risk posed by radicalized Muslim converts in-side the United States and said he worries about a sleeper operative who may have been in place for years, awaiting orders to

launch an attack. remain very concerned about what we are not seeing he said in his prepared remarks More than three years since the Sept. 11, 2001, World Trade and Pentagon attacks, Goss, Mueller and other intelligence leaders provided these

and other bleak assessments at the annual briefing on threats from around the globe.

so at the hearing, the head of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Vice Adm. Lowell Jacoby, paint-ed Iran as a leading threat to U.S. interests in the Middle East. In his prepared testimony, Jacoby said he believes that Iran will continue its support for terrorism

and aid for insurgents in Iraq.

He said the country's long-term goal is to expel the United States from the region, and noted that political reform movements there have lost mo-

Goss said that Islamic extremists are exploiting the conflict in Iraq and fighters there represent a "potential pool of contacts" to build transnational terror groups. He said the most-wanted terrorist in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, to establish Iraq as a safe-haven to bring about a final

victory over the West. Goss also said that the intelli gence community has yet to get to the "end of the trail" of the nuclear black market run by dis graced Pakistani scientist, A.Q Khan. Goss wouldn't rule out the possibility that organizations, rather than states, could obtain nuclear, chemical or biological

weapons. He also couldn't assure sena tors that the United States doesn't face a threat from nucle ar weapons that may be missing

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Military expert with

Lexington Institute

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With mili-tary costs since Sept. 11, 2001, now expected to exceed \$300 billion, the Pentagon is spending more per servicemember to fight in Iraq, Afghanistan and el where than it did during earlier conflicts.

High technology, the costs of paying and protecting a modern soldier, and the worldwide nature of the war on terrorism are all pos-

sible reasons, experts say.

"Every facet of military expenditure has skyrocketed since the Gulf War," said Loren B. Thompson, a military

expert with the Lexington Insti-tute, "The biggest reason why is because the military is more and more a microcosm of

broader

economy The all-volumteer force, put in place by President Nixon in 1973 to replace the draft, has forced the military to compete with the private sector for soldiers, and offer better pay and benefits,

said. Sending those soldiers

to war costs still more. "The bottom-line problem with the all-volunteer force is you have to convince middle-class people to risk their lives for middle-class pay, so of course the price for each soldier keeps going up," he

said. According to government figures, the war in Iraq costs about \$4.3 billion a month, and the war in Afghanistan runs another \$800 million. That money goes for a variety of things, including fuel, ammunition, hazard pay for the soldiers and repair and replacement of weapons and vehicles.

On average, the government spent a similar amount monthly on the Vietnam War between 1965 and 1975, according to figures, adjusted for inflation, from the Congressional Research Service.

However, that figure is some what skewed, as the Vietnam War was far more costly at its height early in the war, from 1967 to 1970, than it was in the later vears, when the U.S. presence

The Bush administration similarly hopes it can reduce the U.S. troop presence in Iraq in the coming year or two, if Iraqi security forces become more able to han-

dle the insurgency.

The United States spent \$623 billion on the Vietnam conflict, according to the service, using figures adjusted for inflation. If President Bush's new \$81.9 billion emergency request is implemented, U.S. war costs since the Sept.

11 attacks will approach half that. Still, the United States has 170,000 troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, but that will

drop to 155,000 or fewer in the coming weeks due to a small postelection drawdown

Iraq. During the height of the War, Vietnam more than half a million U.S. soltioned in Southeast Asia. Experts

fered reasons why post-Sept. warfare has pro-vided much much more expensive per soldier than

several

earlier conflicts: ■ The military is more professional and capable than it was 30 years

ago, when a significant portion of the soldiers in Vietnam were draftees. Now, it in-cludes far more highly trained technicians running expensive computers and other gear. They are better paid, better trained, better equipped than their predeces-

■ The military is relying much more on Guard and Reserves than it has in the past during extended conflicts. Their pay comes from the emergency war spending measures, rather than the regular defense budget.

■ The desert conditions of Iraq wearing on vehicles at much greater rate than expected, forcing more spending on repairs

and replacements.

Combat deaths are down compared to previous conflicts, owing to better training, better and vehicle armor and quick access to emergency medical care, all of which are expen-sive investments. The U.S. military is also using automated systems in dangerous jobs that peo-

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Child care is No. 1 concern for troops

BY LISA BURGESS Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - Child care is the No. 1 concern for servicemembers and their families, three of the military's four top enlisted leaders told members of a new House committee that focuses exclusively on quality-of-life issues.

Inadequate family housing was second "Child care has been a huge challenge," Sgt. Major of the

Army Kenneth Preston said Wednesday. "If you look at the demographics, most spouses today work, [so] the need for child care is very high

Sgt. Major of the Marine Corps John Estrada also called child care "the No. 1" issue, with "housing as a close second."

The Marine Corps is only meeting 68 percent of its child care needs. Estrada said.

In order to meet a Defense Department mandated standard of

Enlisted leaders say adequate housing also is problem

80 percent of those servicememhers who require it "we'll need at least another 100.000 [child care] spaces," Estrada said



Force. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

"Well into

care

Gerald Murray said, listing the issue as the "largest complaint" by airmen, also fol-

As for the Navy, "there are

6.485 for children under 12 on the

waiting list," said Master Chief

lowed by inadequate housing.

Petty Officer of the Navy Terry Scott, although he ranked child care second on his list of priorities "Housing is No. 1 on my list" out of "concern for our single sail-

ors, and our ability to house them," Scott said. The four leaders spoke during the first meeting of the House Appropriations Committee's Military Quality of Life Subcom-mittee, which brings under one umbrella housing, health care, education, and other matters that used to be scattered among sever-

al House subcommittees The issues discussed at the neeting, subcommittee chairman Rep. James Walsh, R-N.Y., pledged, "will set the tone for this committee over the coming year' as the Pentagon's fiscal 2006 budget proposal works its way through Congress.

Household goods limits

Often citing personal experience, the four service leaders joined together in asking the sub-



60 and 70 percent" of the hundreds of enlisted sailors Scott said he has informally polled have had

the

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to throw, give away, or sell personal belongings to meet weight recle quirements, the Navy leader said. "A lot of those policies and regu-

ago, and how soldiers live has changed." Preston said. When it comes to "weight allowances for household goods, there are some inequities there ... we'd like to

see changed.' "If you ask us ... if we could increase our household goods, ves we would." the Air Force's Mur-

ray agreed. Scott also told the subcommittee about delays of 90 to 120 days that servicemembers must endure before receiving delivery of private motor vehicles shipped to an overseas duty station, as well as "the inconvenience of having to store or sell a vehicle because you're going to Alaska or Hawaii, and you can only ship one vehi-

Sub named for Carter to hit seas

The Navy will commission its newest nuclear-powered attack submarine Jimmy Carter on Saturday at Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Conn.

President Carter is the only U.S. president to have qualified in submarines. He served in the Navy for seven years.

Carter graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1946, served as a

commissioned officer aboard submarines, and served as command-er-in-chief from 1977 to 1981. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002

NORAD tests laser warning system

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon is considering using lasers to warn pilots they've flown into restricted airspace, an unusual choice because the government also says terrorists might use the beams of light to blind pilots as they approach airports.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, has

been researching the use of alternating red and green lasers as a way to communicate with pilots flying too near the Capitol or the White House when they can't be reached by radio.

If the system becomes operational, the FAA would send a special notice to pilots describing the lights and telling them what to do if they see them.

France to honor U.S. pilots for '54 mission

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON spring of 1954, Allen L. Pope risked life and limb to fly covert Central Intelligence Agency resupply missions to besieged French forces in what is now Vietnam. But the thing he recounts most vividly is not the dangers he faced. It's the heroism of the French troops he was helping.

"This is what I'll always remember: the way they fought. There were men without hands, men without legs, men without feet, men that were blinded," he says. "They were catching hell.

They caught it at Dien Bien Phu, a cluster of villages in a valley ringed by mountains near the Laotian border. Communist rebels on higher ground pummeled the French with artillery in an epic battle that marked the end of French colonial rule in Indochina and foreshadowed the U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

Next week, nearly 51 years after the fall of Dien Bien Phu, the seven surviving American pilots who braved those perilous skies — but later were essentially disowned by



This painting by artist Jeff Bass shows a C-119 "Flying Boxcar," commissioned by the Fairchild Corp., to commemorate the role of CIA-sponsored civilian pilots in resupplying besieged French forces at Dien Bien Phu in the spring of 1954.

the CIA - will be awarded the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, or Legion of Honor, France's highest award for service.

Six of the seven will gather at the official residence of French Ambassador Jean-David Levitte for a Feb. 24 ceremony to commemorate an important chapter

in the history of U.S.-French relations

"It's a nice gesture on their part," says Douglas R. Price, who was 29 years old when he flew 39 airdrop missions to Dien Bien Phu in April and May 1954 as a civilian employee of Civil Air Transport, a flying service whose undeclared owner was the CIA.







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IN THE WORLD

Japan's economy contracts again

Analysts play down recession fears

BY YURI KAGEYAMA The Associated Press

TOKYO - Japan's economy marked three straight quarters of contraction through December as an export boom and consumer spending dwindled, government figures showed Wednesday. Still, analysts played down fears that the nation may be sinking into another deep recession.

The numbers from the Cabinet Office showed the worst reading for Japan's gross domestic prod or the value of goods and services produced in a nation since the world's second largest economy recorded four straight of contraction from April 2001 through March 2002.

"On the surface three consecutive quarters of contraction technically may look like a recession, but economists must look at the basic implications for the Japanese economy," said Masaaki Kanno, chief Japan economist for J.P. Morgan Securities in Tokyo.

Reflecting a relatively wide spread opinion, Kanno said the economy was poised to rebound in coming months as exports in-

Also helping lift optimism was that one-time factors were behind the dismal numbers, such as an unusually mild winter that curbed spending on clothing and a spate of typhoons that pushed up the prices of vegetables, analysts and government officials

During the quarter that ended Dec. 31, 2004, Japan's economy

shrank 0.1 percent from the previous quarter — or an annualized rate of 0.5 percent — following a 0.2 percent contraction in the April-June quarter and a 0.3 percent contraction in the July-September period, the latest figures

Previous government figures showed moderate growth for the April-June and July-September

Although some economists technically define a recession as two or more consecutive quarters of contraction, such definitions vary, and the Japanese government takes other factors into account when declaring a recession

There is no change to our basic view on the economy, which is that overall, it continues to recover," Economy Minister Heizo Takenaka said, adding that the numbers continue to show an adjustment phase.

Takenaka brushed off worries that Japan may be heading to an-other recession. Over the last decade, Japan has managed to grow moderately over some periods but then has dipped back into recession.

"The economy must be assessed comprehensively, and we cannot look at GDP alone," Takenaka said.

The government said the economy was well on its way to mark 2.1 percent growth for the fiscal year ending March 31 and that Janan racked up steady growth based on improved domestic demand of 2.6 percent growth for the 2004 calendar year.

S. Korea: No big economic projects with North until nuclear dispute resolved

BY SOO-JEONG LEE

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea - South Korea told U.S. officials it has no plans to launch "large-scale" economic cooperation with North Korea before the dispute over the communist state's nuclear weapons programs is resolved, the foreign minister said Wednesday

The comments came amid growing calls from opposition lawmakers that President Roh Moo-hyun's government needs to reconsider its pol-icy of engagement with North Korea, which declared last week that it ossessed nuclear weapons and would boycott disarmament talks. Roh on Wednesday urged the North to return to six-nation talks

aimed at persuading it to give up its nuclear weapons programs North Korea says it won't return to negotiations until Washington has abandoned its alleged "hostile" policy.

"If North Korea has anything to allege, it should make the allegations at the negotiating table," Roh told a meeting of his top security ministers, his office said.

Roh also told his unification minister and Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon, who returned Wednesday from Washington, to "coolly and calmly" analyze North Korea's statement last week and "cautiously" handle the issue Ban on Wednesday repeated South Korea's commitment to provid-

ing aid to poverty-stricken North Korea out of "humanitarian concern" despite the North's latest moves.

However, Ban said he told U.S. officials that South Korea doesn't

"have any plans to launch large-scale inter-Korean economic cooperation" as the nuclear issue has yet to be resolved.



eace environmental activist wearing a George Bush mask protests outside of the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City on Wednesday. The Kyoto global warming pact went into force Wednesday, imposing limits on emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases. The United States, the world's largest emitter of such gases, has refused to ratify the agreement. The sign in background reads "Kyoto Protocol = Renewable Energy."

Pact to curb greenhouse gases goes into effect

BY JOSEPH COLEMAN

The Associated Press

KYOTO, Japan - The Kyoto global warming pact went into force Wednesday, seven years after it was negotiated imposing limits on emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases scientists blame for increasing world temperatures, melting glaciers and rising oceans.

The landmark agreement, negotiated in Japan's ancient capital of Kyoto in 1997 and ratified by 140 nations, targets carbon dioxide and five other gases that can trap heat in the atmosphere, and are believed to be behind rising global temperatures that many scientists say are disrupting weather patterns.

The United States, the world's largest emitter of such gases, has refused to ratify the agreement. saying it would harm the economy and is flawed by the lack of restrictions on emissions by emerging economies China and India.

We have been calling on the United States to join. But the country that is the world's biggest emitter has not joined yet, and that is regrettable," Japan's top government spokesman, Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda, told

Environmental officials, gath-

ered in the convention hall where the accord was adopted, hailed the protocol as a historic first step in the battle against global warming and urged the world to furstrengthen safeguards against greenhouse gases

Today is a day of celebration and also a day to renew our resolve ... to combat global warming," said Hiroshi Ohki, former Japanese environment minister and president of the conference that negotiated the protocol

Australia, the only other developed nation besides the United States not to join, defended that decision, with Environment Minister Ian Campbell saying the country was nonetheless on track to cut emissions by 30 percent.

Syria replies to ambassador's recall

DAMASCUS, Syria - U.S. Ambassador Margaret Scobey, who has been summoned home over the assassination of Lebanon's ex-premier, delivered a letter Wednesday to Syrian officials from Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice concerning Lebanon, the official news agency said. After meeting with Scobey, Foreign Minister

Farouk al-Sharaa said the U.S. recalling of Scobey "is an opportunity to carry Syrian positions directly to the American administration in light of regional developments," SANA said.

Syrian analysts close to the government called the U.S. measure to recall its ambassador unfair.

Al-Qaida suspect gives himself up

SAN'A, Yemen — A suspected member of al-Quida has turned himself in to authorities and confessed to planning terror attacks against Western em bassies in the Yemeni capital, security officials said Wednesday.

The man, identified only as a 30-year-old Yemeni extremist, has told his interrogators he belonged to a cell of the al-Qaida terror group and he planned to carry out a suicide attack on the U.N. offices in San'a last week, the officials said, speaking on condition of

Hurricane passes over islands

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa - Hurricane Olaf passed within 60 miles of the U.S. territory's main island of Tutuila early Wednesday and then blew directly over a nearby group of smaller is-Telephone service to the Manua Islands of Ta'u.

Ofu and Olosega was interrupted and officials were waiting for reports of damage after the storm crossed the area at about noon. The National Weather Service had warned that

the Manua Islands, home to about 2,000 people and part of American Samoa, could be devastated by wind up to 140 mph, with higher gusts.

China's miners in dangerous position

FUXIN, China - Chinese miners die at a rate of

about 16 per day, lost to floods, fires and explosions This week, the industry suffered its worst accident in decades with more than 200 dead in a single blast in northeastern Liaoning province in a methane gas explosion. Last year, 6,027 workers were killed in China's coal mines

For many of China's mine workers, the work may be dangerous, but the pay far exceeds what they could make elsewhere.

From the Associated Press

IN THE STATES

House OKs upping indecency fines

By GENARO C. ARMAS

WASHINGTON — Chafing over racy broadcasts like Janet Jackson's infamous "wardrobe malfunction" at the 2004 Super Bowl, the House overwhelmingly passed a bill Wednesday authorizing unprecedented fines for inde-

cency.

Rejecting criticism the penalties will stifle free speech and homogenize radio and TV broadcasts, bill supporters said stiff
fines were needed to give
deep-pocketed broadcasters
more incentive to clean up their
programs and to help assure parents that their children won't be
exposed to inappropriate materi-

The measure, which passed

389-38, boosts the maximum fine from \$32,500 to \$500,000 for a company and from \$11,000 to \$500,000 for an individual entertainer.

The bill enjoyed broad bipartisan support from lawmakers. "This is a penalty that makes broadcasters sit up and take no-

"This is a penalty that makes broadcasters sit up and take notice," said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee that sent the bill to the full House. "This legislation makes great strides in making it safe for families to come back into their living

The White House, in a statement, said it strongly supports the legislation that "will make broadcast television and radio more suitable for family viewing."

The Senate is considering a similar bill. Any differences in the two will have to be worked out before it goes to President Bush for a signature. Last year the two chambers were unable to reach a compromise.

Opponents said they were concerned stiffer fines by the Federal Communications Commission would lead to more self-censorship by broadcasters and entertainers unclear about the definition of "indecent."

They cited the example of several ABC affiliates that last year did not air the World War II drama "Saving Private Ryan" because of worries that violence and profanity would lead to fines, even though the movie already

had aired on network TV

"We would put Big Brother in charge of deciding what is art and what is free speech," said Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-III., who opposed the bill. "We would see self- and actual-censorship rise to new and undesirable heights."

Parents — not the government — are the best judges of what their children should see and hear, said Rep. Henry Waxman,

"No one knows when one person's creative work will become another person's definition of a violation of indecency," Waxman

The FCC has stepped up enforcement of the indecency stat-

Fines for indecent programming exceeded \$7.7 million last year. Four years ago, FCC fines totaled just \$48,000.

FDA drug safety

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration promised prompt action Wednesday on recommendations from advisory committees probing the safety of popular painkillers, but urged the advisers to balance the risks and benefits of the drugs.

Vioxx was pulled from the market Sept. 30 after a long-term clinical trial indicated some patients suffered heart attacks or strokes. Similar safety questions have risen concerning the related drugs Celebrex and Bextra.

The advisory committees are hearing from government officials, physicians, researchers and the public in three days of meetings before voting on recommendations for these prescription drugs, known as Cox-2 inhibitors.

Defrocked priest trial

BALTIMORE — Jurors began deliberations Wednesday following closing arguments in the trial of a former priest accused of sexually molesting an altar boy, who shot the cleric on a city street a de-

cade after the alleged abuse.
Maurice Blackwell, 58, who
did not testify, faces up to 60
years in prison if convicted of
molesting Dontee Stokes, 29,
who served home detention on
a gun charge for attacking the
former Roman Catholic priest.

In their closing arguments, defense attorneys portrayed Stokes as a disturbed young man who made up the allegations to deal with a sexual identity crisis, and the prosecution called him a vulnerable victim preyed upon by a trusted father figure.

Chertoff sworn in

WASHINGTON — Michael Chertoff was sworn in Tuesday as the nation's second Homeland Security secretary, hours after the Senate placed the tough-on-terrorism former prosecutor in charge of a bureaucracy prone to infighting and turf wars.

Chertoff, 51, has promised to balance protecting the country with preserving civil liberties as head of the sprawling agency that was created as a result of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Chertoff replaces Tom Ridge, who stepped down Feb. 1.

L.A. train wreck case

LOS ANGELES — The man accused of causing a deadly train wreck during an aborted suicide attempt last month pleaded not guilty to 11 counts of murder that could bring the death penalty.

Juan Manuel Alvarez, 25, parked an SUV on the tracks Jan. 26 but lost his nerve and jumped out in time to see two commuter trains crash in suburban Glendale, authorities said

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Westminster crowns pointer

BY BEN WALKER
The Associated Press

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NEW YORK — In the dog show world, they call it a "free stack." That's when a pooch strikes a pose, holds perfectly still and tries to win over the judge.

Just the way a German shorthaired pointer did it Tues-

snormaired pointer did if Tuesday night.
Standing like the very symbol of the Westminster Kennel Club, a 5-year-old female called Carlee won best in show at America's most presti-

gious canine event. "She was spectacular," star handler Michelle Ostermiller

With soft eyes and a gliding gait that she mastered by running three to four miles a day, Carlee beat out a popular Norfolk terrier, a champion bloodhound and a wobbling Peking-

All seven finalists gave fine performances on the green carpet of Madison Square Garden. But the sellout crowd and judge Lynette Saltzman were clearly won over by Carlee's stack.

Paying rapt attention to Ostermiller, Carlee pointed with perfection as the cheers grew louder and louder. A living statue for a good 10 seconds it seemed like an eternity.

"She owned the ground she stood over," USA Network host David Frei said

Last year, Ostermiller neatly guided a big Newfoundland named Josh to this best-in-show title. This time, she came back to be the tops among the 2,581 entries in 165 breeds and varieties "I'm stunned." she said.

While the coveted sterling silver bowl was presented, Carlee celebrated by catching treats in the air tossed by Ostermiller.

ir tossed by Ostermiller.

Carlee, with a brown face and white-and-liver spotting, now will retire to her

favorite squeezy toys back home in Castle Rock, Colo. "She's a mountain dog," Ostermiller said. That is, when

termiller said. That is, when she's not lounging on the couch at home. Officially named Ch. Kan-Point's VJK Autumn

Officially named Ch. Kan-Point's VJK Autumn Roses, Carlee won the sporting group earlier in the evening and wound up with her ninth best-in-show title overall.

Before she goes back West, Carlee was to take a tour of New York on Wednesday and later see David Letterman.

Carlee became the second German shorthaired pointer to win at Westminster, and was a direct descendant of the other winner in 1974.

A sprightly Norfolk terrier named Coco represented the terriers. She was the favorite at Westminster last year, and came back this time at 6½ years old after taking off six months to deliver three pup-

Knotty, a bloodhound that won the AKC/Eukanuba show last month, was trying to become the first hound in 22 years to take best in show at Westminster. Instead, he's headed

home to Topanga Canyon, Calif.

A Pekingese called Jeffrey was the toy winner.



Sen. David Jordan, D-Greenwood, right, holds aloft a House resolution honoring blues legend and Mississippi native B.B. King, who waves to a packed Senate Chamber on Tuesday in Jackson, Miss.

Miss. honors B.B. King

BY EMILY PETTUS
The Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — Blues great B.B. King pulled a white handkerchief from his pocket and wiped away tears as the state House and Senate declared Tuesday to be B.B. King Day.

"I never learned to talk very

"I never learned to talk very well without Lucille," King said, speaking of his black Gibson guitar. "But today, I'm trying to say only God knows how I feel. I am

only God knows how I feel. I am so happy. Thank you." Lawmakers and Gov. Haley Barbour honored the 79-year-old Delta native during a standing-room-only ceremony in the Senate chamber.

King, whose hits include "The Thrill is Gone," said it was the first time he had set foot in the Mississippi Capitol.

Outside, King was mobbed by fans seeking autographs and pictures. He graciously indulged the requests, even signing a candy-apple red Fender electric guitar for Ben Thompson, chief of staff for Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck.

"Signing guitars that are not Gibson is like being married and kissing a woman who is not your wife," King said with a smile.

Study: Coffee may help stave off liver cancer

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Researchers in Japan have discovered some eye-opening news about coffee: It may help prevent the most common type of liver cancer.

A study of more than 90,000 Japanese found that people who drank coffee daily or nearly every day had half the liver cancer risk of those who never drank coffee. The protective effect occurred in people who drank one to two cups a day and increased at three to four cups.

Animal studies have suggested

Animal studies have suggested Animal studies have suggested with liver cancer, so the research with liver cancer, so the research National Cancer Center in Toky analyzed a 10-year public health study to determine coffee use by people diagnosed with liver cancer and people who did not have cancer.

They found the likely occurrence of liver cancer in people who never or almost never drank coffee was 547.2 cases per 100,000 people over 10 years.

But for people who drank coffee daily the risk was 214.6 cases per 100,000, the researchers report in this week's issue of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute

They were unable to compare the effect of regular and decaffeinated coffee, however, because decaf is rarely consumed in Japan. The caffeine in coffee has been shown in other studies to prompt mental alertness in many drinkers, although it makes some people nervous. Some studies have suggested caffeine aggravates symptoms of menopause or intensifies the side effects of some antibiotics.

Carlee, a German shorthaired pointer,

competes Tuesday in the Westminster

Kennel Club Dog Show in New York. Carlee,

handled by Michelle Ostermiller, won best

Heavy caffeine use has been linked to miscarriage. But studies have also shown that a skin cream spiked with caffeine lowers the risk of skin cancer in

The reason for the reduction remains unclear. Inoue's team noted that coffee contains large amounts of antioxidants, and several animal studies have indicated those compounds have the potential to inhibit cancer in the liver.

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Will Smith leads with laughs in 'Hitch'

BY ANNETTE JOHN-HALL Knight Ridder Newspapers

e's fought off aliens. drug lords, the CIA and — ay! — robots. Heck, he even brought George Foreman to his knees.

Now, in "Hitch," his first romantic comedy since he burst onto the small screen as the Fresh Prince, Will Smith finds himself in the battle of the seves

Smith, the quintessential ladies' man, plays "date doctor Alex Hitchens, creating situations to help ordinary guys snag the girls of their dreams

"No matter what, no matter when, no matter who, any man has a chance to sweep any woman off her feet," Hitch observes. "He just needs the right broom."

A smooth operator, funny and

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debonair, Smith demonstrates in "Hitch." which debuted in the States at No. 1 last week, that he's just as proficient at wooing the sultry Sara (Eva Mendes) as he is at beating back three-headed

Which doesn't exactly come as a revelation. Even during his days as the fun-loving, slightly goofy Fresh Prince, Smith had

monsters

"leading man" written all over him. But it has taken Smith, 36. more than a decade to make his way back to romance. "I'm much more at home in the

romantic comedy genre," he says by telephone from Honolulu. where he was promoting the film.

Smith played the lovable, wayward nephew from West Philly who brought a grounded sensibili ty to his haughty relatives on "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air" for six years on TV. After the show went off the air. Smith ruled the box office with blockbusters and their follow-ups, such as "Bad Boys," "Men in Black," "Indepen dence Day," "Enemy of the State" and "I, Robot." The films made him a superstar, but apart from his Oscar-nominated turn in 2001's "Ali" (in which he decked Charles Shufford, playing Foreman), he was in danger of being

And it was by his own design. "Those kinds of movies were the ones that made me want to make movies in the first place.

Smith says, "When I was growing up, 'Star Wars' was the first film I appreciated. Then came 'Die Hard,' 'Lethal Weapon,' '48 Hours.' Now, my tastes have changed. ... Today, the film I can't stop watching is 'Casablanal practicality: "I'm 36. I can't make those [action] films much past 40." The other reason has to

do with growing up. "I have to relinquish childhood tastes," he says. "The Cary Grant comedies, movies like 'Forrest Gump' or 'Philadelphia' — those

are more to my adult tastes. Smith says he was intrigued by the idea of a "date doctor, some one whose job it is to fix it and let love flow." because relationship counseling has been his role in

real life. "I am Hitch with all my friends and family," he says. Smith wasn't a ladies' man back in high school, but says he was the confidant that girls - and guys, for that matter - approached to

solve their problems of love.
"I study ladies," he says. "Most
of my friends don't want to spend their weekends reading 'The Secret Life of Rees' but I like to see what women are thinking."

So when producer James Lassiter. Smith's childhood pal who runs Overbrook Entertainment, the actor's film production company, began to develop the idea for "Hitch," Smith pushed for a Smith pushed for a script. He brought in Andy Tennant ("Sweet Home Alabama") to direct and make his alpha-male vi-

"Will wanted to make a comedy with romance and not a romantic comedy," says Tennant, by phone from Los Angeles. "A romantic comedy is usually with a woman protagonist, who is more accessible to emotions. You put a guy in a movie about romance, you've got to make them laugh before they feel anything. We embarked on a path to make it funny."

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Mellencamp announces U.S. tour

John Mellencamp will bring his "Words & Music" to cities across the United States this spring on his first headlining tour in three years.

Sixteen stops have been announced for the first leg of the tour, which opens in Savannah, Ga., on March 23 and ends April 17 in Louisville, Ky. The tour is dubbed the "Words & Music Tour" after Mellencamp's recently released double CD greatest hits collection.

"Jack and Diane," "R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A." and "Small Town" are among the songs Mellencamp will perform

"Going out and playing is a great way for me to keep these songs alive: it's what I've done for my whole professional life," the 53-year-old rocker said Monday in Bloomington, Ind.

21st century's Janis Joplin sought

If Joss Stone isn't busy, here's something she could probably win. Janis Joplin's estate has announced "Search for the Pearl," a reality

TV talent search to find the next Joplin. The 17-year-old Stone sang "Cry Baby," then teamed with Melissa Etheridge's vocals and driving guitar on "Piece of My Heart" in a grit-

ty tribute to Joplin during Sunday's Grammy Awards show According to a statement, vocalists across the country will audition to re-create the vocal styling of Joplin, who died in 1970 at age 27. Five finalists will be flown to San Francisco to perform for a panel of judges.

The selected will then headline a world concert tour, performing with bands that played with Joplin, including Big Brother & The Holding Company, the Kozmic Blues Band and Full Tilt Boogie Band. The tour will culminate in a star-studded tribute concert in 2006.

No word on what network might air the show.

Fix is in: Home improvements help

Key is to view remodeling as reinvestment

BY JAY MACDONALD

If your remote control is stuck on Home & Garden Television, if you recognize Bob Vila's voice sight unseen, and you're on a first-name basis with the clerks at Home Depot, chances are you've caught the home-improvement

You're not alone. Today, Americans are sprucing up everything from Arizona tract homes and New England saltboxes to Florida condos. But when it comes time to sell, will you recoup the cost of that new master suite, state-of-the-art kitchen or dormered attic loft? The time to find out is before you pull out the power saw or contract for a home makeover.

Money spent on remodeling is re invested in your house and, if you finance correctly, the interest on payments can be tax-deductible.

Fortunately, several financing options for home renovations are readily available today.

If you have the equity to match your total project cost, a traditional home-equity loan might be your best bet. If your improvements include energy-efficient upgrades, you might also qualify for energy-saving loans through local utilities or related businesses



This week neighbors of writer Ernest Hemingway's former home, Hemingway House, in Ketchum, Idaho. announced that they want to buy the property, have it moved, then donate the structure back to the original owners, The Nature Conservancy, to settle a dispute regarding public access to the home. Were this house on the market, however, the back deck likely would help it attract potential buyers. According to the 2004 survey by Remodeling magazine that compares the cost of construction to likely return on investment at resale, a \$7,000 deck addition will on average return 86.7 percent of your investment.

What can you expect to recoup for renovations to this old house According to the 2004 survey by Remodeling magazine that com pares the cost of construction to likely return on investment (ROI) at resale, minor kitchen remodels rule, returning 92.9 percent of your investment, followed closely by new siding at 92.8 percent.

Here's what's hot in remodels, room by room:

■ Kitchens typically suffer the most wear and tear. And because kitchens tend to follow style and color trends, they often seem dated sooner than other rooms in the home. The most popular minor improvements include adding functionality with dual sinks and cooking stations, and cosmetic improvements such as under cabinet light. ing, marble or granite countertops and ceramic tile backsplashes. To add space, consider a walk-in pantry or breakfast alcove.

■ Bathrooms have changed the most during the past century. Today, homes that have more than one sell faster and fetch a higher price. A mid-range bath remodel (less than \$10,000) placed third in the 2004 survey with a ROI of 90.1

percent. Popular renovations include skylights, couples' walk-in showers, glass block windows and

vaulted ceilings. ■ Bedrooms are always listed first in real estate descriptions for good reason: We spend nearly half our lives there. If you can put one in your attic, you're likely to re-coup 82.7 percent of the estimated \$35,000 cost of installation.

■ Decks expand your living space, and you rarely lose by making your home larger, be it exterior or interior renovations, A \$7,000 deck addition placed fourth in ROI at 86.7 percent.

Windows quickly and inexpensively add to a home's volume, and volume is the buzzword in real estate these days. So it's no surprise that your return on new glass is excellent, whether you're contemplating a mid-range window replacement (less than \$10,000) at 84.5 percent or an upscale replacement (\$15.000-plus) at 83.7 percent.

Your return on your remodel likely will depend as much on how well it fits the period and scale of your house as how much it adds to

Click and Clack

This Sable can't warm up owner

Dear Tom and Ray:

I've got a peculiar problem. My 1999 Mercury Sable's heater has been putting out less and less hot air for the past few years. This year, there was no heat. I flushed the cooling system; still nothing. Then I flushed the heater core, and now I have heat, but only at highway speeds. At idle, you can feel it cool right back down to nothing. Any thoughts? I'm thinking it's the water pump. Can you help out? My wife and kids refuse to ride with me anymore ... on second thought, maybe that's OK! - Mike

RAY: My brother got his wife and kids to stop riding with him, too. But he didn't have to give up his heat to do it. Giving up his reflexes and judgment seemed to

TOM: I think it's your heater core, Mike. Flushing won't help once it's really plugged up. I'm going to guess that the water pump is OK. It's turned by a belt that runs off the engine so, at idle speed, it's supposed to pump more slowly than at highway speed. At normal idle speed, it just can't overcome the gunk that's clogging up your heater core.

RAV: The good news is that the heater core is easy to get to on this car. The bad news is that it's only easy to get to once you remove the entire dashboard.

TOM: So, you're looking at \$600, Mike. A big chunk of that is lahor. You have to make a decision here: Do you want to be frozen out by your car or frozen out by your family? Good luck deciding, brother.

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EXCHANGE RATES Military rates Japanese yen (Feb. 17) South Korean won (Feb. 16) Euro costs (Feb. 16) Dollar buys (Feb. 16) British pound (Feb. 16) Commercial rate

PRECIOUS METALS

INTEREST RATES

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Discount rate	3.50
Federal funds market rate	2.5629
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30-year bond	4.49
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BY CHUCK MYERS Knight Ridder/Tribune

When dealing with your income tax return, understanding the lexicon is often half the battle. To help remove the confusion from tax terminology, several Web sites provide tax glossaries that break down the jargon:

■ Bankrate.com (www.bankrate.com/brm/itax/

edit/definitions/definitions taxes1.asp) provides tax definitions designed to help filers become more fluent with tax

erms ■ H&R Block (www.tayeut

com/taxtips/tax-terms/ glosstoc.html) features good list of commonly used tax words

and terms. ■ Internal Revenue Service (www.taxcut.com/taxtips/

tax-terms/glosstoc.html) has A-to-Z tax definitions. ■ Investor Words (www.

investorwords.com/tax.htm) has an extensive glossary list with brief descriptions.

■ TaxGaga.com (www.taxgaga com/pages/c-taxresources/dirglossary.html) offers straightforward tax definitions, sometimes in a conversational manner.

FRIDAY EVENING / FEBRUARY 18, 2005

MOVIES • SPORTS

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7	AFN-ATL	(5:46) Oprah Win- frey (CC)	(:35) Guiding Light	(CC)	(:17) General Hos- pital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Teacher's Pet (EI) (CC)	What's New Scoo by-Doo?
8	NEWS	Hardball With Chris	Matthews	The O'Reilly Facto		Primetime Thursda	By (CC)	Fox and Friends		Fox and Friends		American Morning	
9	SPORTS	•(5:00) College Bas ginia Tech. (Taped)	sketball Duke at Vir-	SportsCenter		College Basketba	all UCLA at California	a. (Taped)		SportsCenter		College Basketba quette. (Taped)	III Louisville at Mar-
10	SPEC	The Simpsons "The Worst Episode Ever" (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond 'Ray- bert' (CC)	JAG "A Tangled We with Harm and Mac to find Sadik. (Part 2	bb" Webb teams up in Paraguay in order 2 of 2) (CC)	Boston Public "Ch Harper and Guber I the source of last w	resolve to pinpoint	Hunters "Rulers of sity of sharks that a different ecosystem	llows them to live in	Friends The father of Rachel's baby is named.	Seinfeld A friend wants sympathy from Jerry. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart (CC)	Blind Date (CC)
		Fairly Oddparents	Rugrats (CC)		Dave-Barbarian	Danny Phantom		That's So Raven	Phil of the Future	Switched! (CC)	Radio-Roscoe	The Cosby Show	
14	AFN-MOV TMC	*** "The Italian J	Ent. Tonight lob" (2003, Suspens	e) Mark Wahlberg, C ew plan to steal back	harlize Theron, Ed-	*% "Love Object"	Spike Lee. Spike Lee (2003, Horror) Desmi Udo Kier. A sex doll	ond Harrington,	±x "Leprechaun: E	Back 2 tha Hood" (2 iller. Premiere. An ev	003, Horror) War-	*** "Taxi Drive Niro. A psychotic N	" (1976) Robert De
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25	SHOW	Malkovich, Gary Sin beck's novel about to City Confidential Ti	ise, Casey Siemaszk wo friends in the 193	o. Based on Stein-	Season 2: All L Breaks Loose	napping scheme sp	ins out of control. 'R'	A businessman's kid- Biography "John R	Season 2: All L Breaks Loose	(CC) Biography "Suzann		American Justice	
27	A&E	learns the shocking Christmas murder. (0	ny Montana town details behind a CC)		Murder Unline" (CC)	actor Don Knotts. (0	the life and career of CC)	pany* Actor John Ri (CC)	itter wins acclaim.	guru Suzanne Som	ers. (CC)	Jones' A woman is minding a murder. (convicted of master-
28	DISC	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Africa's Great Rivers	Africa's Great Rivers	Wild and Dangero	us	To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
29	TFC	(:15) TV Patrol Worl	ld	Bida SI Mister, Bid	a Si Misis	(:05) Insider	Dong Puno Live		(In Tagalog)	Mtb, Ang Saya Say	ra	(:15) Home Boy	
30	CNN-I	Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Daybreak				American Morning					
31	GOLF	Golf	Inside the PGA Tour	•Golf Central	Big Break II		Lumpur, Malaysia.	olf Carlsberg Malays			Golf Central	 European PGA G Malaysian Open : 	Second Round.
32	TLC	What Not to Wear 1	Laura" (CC)	What Not to Wear gets a new look. (Ci		Clean Sweep "The Trying to equal the ple.	Great T-Shirt Purge" space for two peo-	What Not to Wear	"Laura" (CC)	What Not to Wear gets a new look. (Co		In a Fix "The Water has been too busy to	Feature" A family o fix up their house.
34	TOON	Powerpuff Girls!	Dexter's Laborato- ry	Courage the Cow- ardly Dog	He-Man and the Masters of the Universe	Justice League	Teen Titans	Cartoon Cartoon C	Cartoon shorts.	Samurai Jack	He-Man and the Masters of the Universe	What's New Scoo- by-Doo?	Mucha Lucha
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hun Entry" Robert is born		Animal Cops San I borly Behavior Rott loved pets. (N)		Ultimate Zoo		The Crocodile Hun Entry" Robert is bor		Animal Cops San I borly Behavior" Rott loved pets.		The Most Extreme ligators in the sewe	"Monster Myths" Al- 's.
36	сом		Comedy Central Presents Comic Gene Pompa.	Premium Blend Alex Ortiz; Ophira Eisenberg. (N)	George Lopez: Wh terial from his "Tean	y You Crying? The on Leader' album. (CC	comic performs ma- c)	South Park A ma- gician tricks the boys. (CC)	Crank Yankers Ja- son Schwartzman. (CC)	Distraction Con- testants encounter nudists. (CC)	Insomniac With Dave Attell "Columbus, Ohio"	Mad TV A prematur changes the outcon XXXV. (CC)	
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43	FOX	Donna interns at	That '70s Show Donna's bache- lorette party. (CC)	The Simpsons Homer accepts a new job. (CC)	Seinfeld George's getaway plans are foiled. (CC)	The Bernie Mac Show "Jack & Jacqueline" (N)	The Bernie Mac Show "Hall of Fame" (CC) (DVS)	Jonny Zero "Who's uncovers a black-mi (PA) (CC)	Your Daddy" Jonny arket baby ring. (N)	News	•	The Simpsons Pep pers give Homer halluginations	Seinfeld Jerry asks dentist for prescrip- tion. (CC)
44	BET	(5:00) Movie		Club Comic View				Move Your Body: Reggaeton	Access Granted Lil Kim.	Club Comic View		BET Late	(==)
46	COURT	Hollywood Heat	Masterminds Cat burglar steals \$1 million	Cops Miami offi- cers arrest a man for looting. (CC)	Cops Interception of Miami cocaine shipment. (CC)	The Investigators charged with consp	"Evil Twin" Woman iring to kill her twin.	Forensic Files	Forensic Files "Tourist Trap"	Forensic Files	I, Detective	Dominick Dunne: Justice "What Price	Power, Privilege & Murder?"
48	STR-WLD	The Simpsons (CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Friends (CC)	TNA Wrestling		Totally Outra- geous Behavior	Weird TV	Really Caught in the footage.	he Act Real-life	Friends (CC)	Totally Outra- geous Behavior
50	LIFE	"Her Married Lover An adulterous profes	" (1999, Suspense) ssor is suspected of	Roxana Zal, Perry K murder. (CC)	ing, Daniel Benzali.	Merge (N) (CC)		What Should You [0o? (CC)	The Division *Craw tives race against ti (Part 2 of 2) (CC)	I Space" The detec- me to find Raina.	Suddenly Susan Susan's subliminal sympathy. (CC)	Paid Program
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53	HIST	Mail Call Golden Knights: Flying	Mail Call Fastest Army vehicle; Uncle Sam. (CC)	Modern Marvels "B	lackbird Stealth!" d. (CC)	Stories From the Football (CC)	Hall of Fame: Pro	Battlefield Detective airborne operation response (CC)	ves Massive Allied meets with defeat.	Mail Call Golden Knights; Flying Tigers. (CC)	Mail Call Fastest Army vehicle; Uncle Sam. (CC)	Modern Marvels 'E The SR-71 Blackbir	flackbird Stealth!" d. (CC)
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60	NICK	Zoey 101 Zoey moves to a new room	Rugrats Worrying about Kim. (CC)	The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	The Fairly Odd- Parents 'Fool's Day Out; Deja Vu'	Danny Phantom Danny becomes a public enemy. (N)	My Life as a Teenage Robot (CC)	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	The Fairly Odd- Parents Timmy be- comes invisible	Full House Stephanie gets possessive of dad.	Full House Joey becomes more ag- gressive. (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Will's new look, (CC)	The Cosby Show Rudy "borrows" some money. (CC)
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9:30 Aerobics

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USFK curfew oversteps

This is a response to a letter written by Floyd Jack from Kadena Air Base, Okina wa, in the Feb. 9 edition ("Writer's argu-ment falls down"). In his letter, Jack claimed that U.S. citizens do not have any constitutional rights once they leave the United States. This is wrong and his ridiculous statement is clearly shown to be in error by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia Civil Action Case No. 04-1258 (JDB) on Dec. 16, 2004, in which the court clearly stated that U.S. citizens do maintain their constitutional rights when traveling or living overseas. I would suggest Jack do some research before making such false claims about the constitutional rights of II S citizens

He then goes on to say that if you have a military-issued passport and Department of Defense civilian ID card, then you fall under military jurisdiction. This is also false. First, most civilians overseas have a regular civilian passport and not a mili tary-issued passport. The U.S. Postal Service, a separate entity from the U.S. Army, issued mine. A civilian ID card grants civilians who work on military installations access to the base but in no way places them under military legal jurisdiction. If a civilian commits a crime overseas, whether on base or not, he is tried by civilian authorities and not by military tribunal or Uniform Code of Military Justice action unless classified as an enemy combatant.

Imagine for just a minute if there were some reason for Fort Gordon, Ga., to lock the base down and impose a curfew on the military at midnight. Can you imagine the base commander telling the civilians who work on base to also abide by the curfew and that if they didn't they would lose their jobs? That would never happen and it should not happen anywhere to civilians regardless of location.

Next, I would recommend that Jack read the following paragraph from the DOD Antiterrorism directive, which USFK is using to impose the curfew. This directive states the following in paragraph 4.6.: "The Commanders do not have the same legal responsibility to provide security for DOD contractors as that provided for military forces or direct-hire employees. Contractors remain private U.S. citizens."

This clearly states that civilian contractors remain private U.S. citizens and do not fall under military jurisdiction.

In short, there is no legal basis to enforce a military curfew on private citizens who retain their constitutional rights overseas

The only thing Floyd Jack was right about is that USFK personnel do have a choice to leave South Korea if they desire and that is starting to happen. Many qualified civilians who have lived and worked for years are now seeking jobs elsewhere and some recent job openings are not being filled with prospective applicants citing the curfew as reason for their lack of interest.

Civilian morale is at an all-time low. The forced unconstitutional curfew on civilians is beginning to have a direct effect on the Army's readiness in South Korea

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One final question: What is Jack's curfew on Okinawa?

Stephen Blackmore Waegwan, South Korea

USFK's justification weak

Well, I guess you could say that South Korea's slogan has changed. I see it in the newspaper. I see it in memorandums, and I have even heard it on the radio. "Ready to fight to night" can be considered South Korea's new slogan. I wonder what ever happened to "assignment of choice"? Anyone who has read new memo put out by Gen. LaPorte will find that the background on it states that [the curfew] is for force protection, health, safety and disciplinary issues.

I guess that all the other military installations around the world have no concerns or regards for these same issues. Everyone here in South Korea must be unhealthy, unsafe and undisciplined. This is why there is a need for a curfew.

As for the force-protection issue, even the Middle East does not have a curfew enforced against civilians. If the real issue is readiness - personnel being focused, easily located, and mentally and physically prepared - then why even authorize drinking? If any member of U.S. Forces Korea can go out drinking until midnight then run home and drink some more, would this make him "ready to fight tonight"?

Why not push this one step closer to what the general wants? Let's do away with drinking so that USFK personnel are always "ready to fight tonight." Let's have USFK personnel check in with their immediate supervisors whenever they go anywhere so that they are easily available. Let's send the family members back home so that our loved ones are protected from the evil terrorists that reside in South Korea.

If these are the real issues, then why are we not living by them? Let's do away with everyone's theory that the curfew is to curb prostitution and get down to the point: No more alcohol no more families and definite.

ly let's micromanage everyone's whereabouts. Let's all join together and be "ready to fight tonight."

Miguel Marquez Osan Air Base, South Korea

Isn't zero tolerance enough?

U.S. Forces Korea leadership has made great strides in concert with South Korean authorities to combat prostitution and human trafficking here in South Korea. I applaud them. It is simply the right thing to do. Human trafficking is immoral, there are real victims, and it's against South Korean law. But the ends don't justify the means.

I don't agree that using a curfew to control all USFK personnel is the right answer, and it certainly signals distrust and a lack of confidence among leaders that the entire work force is not capable of doing the right thing. Isn't zero tolerance enough?

USFK is employing a loophole in the regulations in the name of safety, and seems to think minimizing involvement in the illicit sex trade is more important than ensuring the rights of U.S. citizens. At the very least, the decreasing crime stats should keep congressional oversight off officials' backs for a while. But why stop there?

Isn't gambling immoral? Doesn't it, too, have real victims? Isn't it against South Korean law? Do the advantages of keeping Morale Welfare and Recreation affoat justify ignoring South Korean law because this to serves the immediate purpose?

What kind of example are we setting when we enforce "zero tolerance" vet ignore hundreds or thousands of South Kore-

ans illegally gambling in our clubs? Does anyone know of a USFK casino where this isn't condoned? If there is one let me know, I want to play there.

It was a Fox hidden camera accompany-ing a courtesy patrol at Camp Casey that started this whole curfew/human trafficking debacle. How long will it be before this happens (again) in one of our casinos and the United States has to explain yet another embarrassing incident?

Master Sgt. Gary Jones (retired) Pyongtaek, South Korea

Make curfew a nonissue

When I read the Feb. 13 article "Ticked off over curfew." I was overcome with a sense of pity for the Department of Defense civilians who are working on base (status of forces agreement-status) in South Korea (some of these fine citizens are 50 to 60 years old and served years in the military).

I very much agree that the real reason for the curfew is to control human trafficking It does not surprise me to hear a general using a reason like terrorist threats to actually achieve his personal, thorn-in-his-side

Additionally, I say to civilians over there: Ditch the SOFA job. Even if you have to empty garbage cans for a living, you served long enough in the military, no doubt, and you had those misguided leaders telling you what to do when you were younger, so detach yourselves from them now.

Brad Lietha Okinawa

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OPINION

Be a trooper for your spouse when reunited

BY ALLIE OCHS

aura anxiously anticipates the return of her husband Dan. What will it be like and what should she do? After all, he is not returning from a successful business trip or gol weekend. He is com-

ing back from war. Should she arrange



romantic just-for-the-two-of-us event or a family reunion? This is the first homecoming experi ence in their young marriage. It has been more than a year since Dan left. Little Maja was born three

months ago and Dan

has yet to meet his new baby girl. Laura - once shy, dependent and overweight — turned into a self-reliant and confident woman. She joined the gym, lost weight and signed up for computer classes Even though Laura had missed Dan terribly, she adapted to being a military wife. They had kept each other up to dat through e-mail and phone calls. Dan will be surprised to find how much has changed since he left

How do you deal with the challenges of homecoming? Relax and accept that home coming can be difficult. In getting ready for the big day, put your own needs aside and help your spouse reconnect with the life he or she left behind.

The real challenge is life after deployment. Historically those fighting in combat have a much greater likelihood of relationship breakups than their civilian counterparts. Depending on how devastating the war experience has been, your soldier may not be the same person that you saw

- including children or comrades die. He or she may have been forced to kill in the line of duty.

While your soldier may not share all of these experiences with you, listen with empathy if he or she does. Even though your life was clouded with fear during deployment, don't compete for the "most wounded" heart.

After the big homecoming, you might be anxious to get on with life as a couple, yet find each other at different junctures Returning from a country at war, every-day life may now seem trivial to your spouse. He or she may suffer from postwar trauma or guilt.

Here are the two of you trying to pick up where you left off. This is the critical point where military couples set the stage for either a spiral breakdown or deeper love. How do you prevent your relation ship from becoming a divorce statistic? Simply be what people in exceptional relationships are: fit to love. Do what people in exceptional relationships do: become better for each other every day. By following the three principles of being fit to love mutual respect, moral responsibility and authenticity — you can turn your relationship into a solid anchor. Here is what

these principles mean: ■ Mutual respect: Exercise true mutual respect instead of self-serving respect. In real terms, this means your partner is just as important as you are. Respect how your homecoming soldier feels. He or she has gone through a life-changing phase while serving, an experience the two of you did not share. Cherish the new person that has emerged. Accept his or her altered perspective on life and be open to learn from it.

■ Moral responsibility: You are always



Spc. David Bradford is greeted by his wife, Alisha, at a welcome-home ceremony for the Ohio National Guard's Company B, 216th Engineer Battalion in Portsmouth, Ohio, last Friday. The unit had been deployed for more than a year in support of the Iraq war.

morally responsible to your partner. Everything you think, say or do affects your partner. Sometimes you even have to think of your partner first. Yes, you are responsible for each other's well-being. Be kind, loving and understanding. Allow for time to heal the wounds. Be sensitive and encouraging when you help your partner get on with life. It is your job to be an an-

Authenticity: Be you! Create and be the best of you. Be better for each other. Be honest about your own feelings, but don't blame each other if your relationship is going through change. It could also

be a change for the better. Depending on how you react, crises such as these are often the kick-start for more authentic and more solid relationships. cues from your heart, for it will never betray you. Think back to when you wholeheartedly

committed to your partner. Did you commit to respect and be morally responsible to each other? Did you commit to be the best you could be for each other? Sure you did, and now you have a chance to do all that and do it better.

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but wars aren't uniform Old GIs will serve in Iraq,

he late Gen. Douglas MacArthur, supreme U.S. commander in the Pacific in World War II told Congress in his farewell address, "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away.

(Mac said farewell a few years after World War II while leading U.N. troops to a stalemate with the communists during the Korean War. He wanted to take the war to China and was fired by President Truman, who didn't.)

Well, these days that quote, which Mac-Arthur attributed to an old ballad, may need some revision. The Army is now look ing for a few good old soldiers, from the ages of 40 to the late 60s, for duty either in the United States or Iraq. It's called a "prudent" measure to beef up overworked forces strained to canacity because of efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I'm an old soldier. I was in Germany in the 1950s. Maybe I could get assigned to the Maryland city of Frederick's largest employer, Fort Detrick, or at a recruiting station. So far, the Army has signed up 300 retirees both grunts like me and officers. The Ma rines have recruited 60 old troopers

The retirees would have to serve a year They would not be the front-line combat soldiers but would help build schools and roads and be civil affairs officers. Sort of a military version of the Peace Corps.

The fine print is going to eliminate me, however, and millions of others. I was a draftee and served only two years. The Army wants professionals who were in for

But, nevertheless, I thought about it for a

few minutes. What would it be like for this old G.I. Joe to report for duty once again?

It's an entirely different Army now, not

just because it is the best trained and best equipped fighting force we have ever had, but the symbols have changed, too. I was in the olive-drab, brown-boot Army, Now, it is black boots and Army green. And there are women in some combat roles this time

Most of the places where I was stationed have since closed, such as Fort Holabird in Baltimore, where I went to Army Intelligence School. The key course I took as an intelligence analyst was typing. I told my teacher that I had been typing for years, so I got some "on-the-job" training helping the secretaries do their work.

Today's all-volunteer Army - and Presi dent Bush says it will stay that way - is much more motivated than we were. Many of today's regular Army troops believe that they are performing an important mission. That, as Woodrow Wilson put it, they are making the world safe for democracy.

Some of us old soldiers might take a different position. I certainly would not be enstic about being shipped to Iraq. We shouldn't be there at this point. I wouldn't 'get with the program," so I might be more of a liability than an asset to the military.

But, however, it might be good to get some calmer heads into the mix - men whose testosterone level has dropped enough so that we don't feel we have to

fight all comers. We wouldn't fight for pride. Maybe we would even be role mod-

If there is a way to find a path out of the bloodshed, old soldiers - men who have served our nation at places such as Pork Chop Hill or Da Nang — may have some answers. Old soldiers have seen wars. (I was fortunate to have been too young for Korea and too old for Vietnam, but I saw the rubble of war spread across the face of Eu-

It is often said that old men send young men off to die. This time, some old soldiers may find a way to help stop the dying. That would be the ultimate act of patriotism.

Joe Volz's columns, including this one, appear in The Frederick (Md.) News-Post.

Mallard Fillmore

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A 'wrong' number

DETROIT — The Motor City produces the most calls to the Rejection Hotline, a free telephone service that allows uninterested objects of affection to blow off come-ons.

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It works like this:
You're asked for your telephone number by someone in whom you have no interest.
You might sound receptive by saying: "248-262-6861."

"288-20-2681." When that number is dialed, this is what the caller gets: "The person who gave you this number did not want you to have their real number. Maybe the idea of going out with you just seems as appealing as playing leapfrog with unicorns. ... Do your best to forget about the person who gave you shout the person who gave you already forgotten about you."

Cher Wardlow, who was given the number about a year ago, wasn't amused. "It was mean," said the 30-year-old store manager. "It was kind of insulted. I didn't think I was all bad. I thought he had a lot of nerve."

New ferry operator

NEWARK — Ferry service between New Jersey and lower Manhattan will continue uninterrupted under a new operator. Under an agreement the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is expected to approve next week, BillyRey Ferry Co. will assume routes operated by New York Waterway from Hoboken and Jersey City.

Protecting newborns

LITTLE ROCK — Legislamonther's quest to make something positive out of the drug-induced death of her infant grandson won a Senate committee's endorsement. The bill would expand the definition of neglect to include causing a child to be born with an illegal substance in his or her system or with mother's use of an illegal substance.

Gav-marriage ban drive

FL ORLANDO — A petition drive aimed at writing a ban on gay marriage into the state constitution is under way. If the amendment is to go before the voters, Florida Marriage.org must collect 611,000 valid signatures by next February. The group has ties to conservative Christian organizations.

Humphrey memorial

MN ST. PAUL — Plans for a memorial honoring Hubert H. Humphrey are gaining momentum. The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board issued a call for designers of the life-size statue of the late senator and vice president. A design could be selected by April and construction could begin next year.

Bible classes allowed

VA STAUNTON — The Staunton School Board has decided to allow Bible classes to contin-

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ue this year for elementary school students, despite staunch objections from a board member who also is a pastor.

"I think WRE is wrong for our school children," said the Rev. Edward Scott, who serves on the board. "It belongs in the homes and in the churches."

The board voted 5-1 to conduct a yearlong review of the program to determine if the needs of both the students going to the classes and those who opt out are being met.

Some parents asked the school board to eliminate or modify the program, saying the children who opt out are stigmatized and have little to do while waiting for the other children to return to class.

The Bible classes began in Virginia in 1929 after a majority of students failed a simple Bible test.

Traveling first class

AM ANCHORAGE — The Alaska Railroad is acquiring two new, custom-designed railcars this May for passengers who want to upgrade to first class. The service will be available between Anchorage and Fairbanks on the Denail Star Train.

Requited wartime love

MO HANNIBAL — It was a two-day encounter at the height of World War II, but Richard Turner never forgot that Iowa girl. Now, 60 years later, he's about to marry her.



Who you looking at?

A great gray owl perches on a tree near Attkin, Minn. Large numbers of owls have been reported in central Minnesota this winter, moving south from their traditional range in search of food.

Years passed before he decided to try to find Annette Jessen, but after renewing their courtship the pair plan to wed in Florida.

The two first met in 1945. Turner was a student at the University of Missouri who traveled to Iowa to visit a girlfriend who had transferred to college there.

But upon his arrival, Turner met Jessen. They quickly became so close she invited him home to meet her parents. He reported for military duty a short time later. Jessen said Turner "wrote a beaufith Joem I kept all these years." Beyond that, the two

In 1999, Turner ventured to Decorah, Iowa, while heading to visit a son on the West Coast. He stopped at the high school and asked for help in finding Jessen.

Turner eventually got a surprise call on July 13, 2003.

"My phone rang, and this voice said, 'This is Ann Jessen,' "Turner recalled. "I said, 'Who?' She said 'Annette.'"

Alternate route

MADISON — State regulators ordered American Transmission Co. to provide alternative routes for a planned power line in northern Wisconsin after the Douglas County board barred access to some land for the \$420 million project. The company said it would go to court over the issue.

Ants with a sting

HILO — It doesn't make as much noise as the coqui frog, but the little fire ant has invaded the Big Island, stinging fruit pickers and homeowners alike.

The little fire ant, a native of South America, has been spreading since it was first discovered in Hawaiian Paradise Park in 1999, state agriculture officials said.

The tiny light-brown ant is no bigger in length than the edge of a penny, but it can pack a painful punch — fire ant stings cause immediate dime-sized red welts on the skin that last at least several days followed by intense itching.

Colleen Schrandt, who grows rambutan, mangosteen and durian on her 15 acres of orchards at Papaikou, said she has trouble keeping workers because of the ants.

ing workers because of the ants.
One fled screaming, "I can't take it any more," she said.

Pioneering gorilla dies

CHICAGO — The first gorilla ever born at Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo has died at age 35, elderly for a western lowland goril-

The female Kumba apparently suffered from kidney failure, zoo spokeswoman Kelly McGrath said. Keepers decided to euthanize her on Saturday.

Kumba's birth in 1970 marked a turning point in how gorillas were handled in U.S. zoos, McGrath said. Previously, they were typically kept apart from other gorillas. Kumba was kept with her mother and later with other gorillas.

"Kumba marked the beginning of a realization that gorillas in zoos living as they do in the wild — in social groups — was better for them and better from an education standpoint [for the public]," McGrath said.



Prairie Wagon Haley Ingram, 8, pushes her 6-year-old sister, Molly, down a hill in Wichita, Kan. The Ingram family was taking advantage of the



Crash landing Firefighters clear debris off a police officer's cruiser that crashed into a building near Union Station in Washington, D.C. Authorities said the officer behind the wheel possibly fainted.



"Oh, Won't you be mine?" Rutham Sharpe, first vice president of the Bank of Blue Valley, receives a musical Valentine's Day message in Leawood, Kan. Trails West Barbershop Chorale members — clockwise from left, Milke Rowland, Russ Crailg, Gary Colburn, Earl Martin and Erniel Hicksplayed musical cupids at 28 locations. Sharpe's husband sent her the singing Valentine's Day wish.



iss will make it better

tarns from FEMA are wearing out.

join homeowner Dana Morris on the roof of his house in Gulf Breeze, Fla., while installing an old billboard advertising a Kiss concert. Lamar Advertising Co. is donating the billboard coverings as temporary patches to the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan, because the blue plastic



For the actors, anything goes Sarah Gruver shuts her eyes tightly as Becca Greene- Cramer sprays her hair at Brattleboro Union High School in Brattleboro, Vt. The pair were preparing for the school music department's rehearsal of the play "Anything Goes."



Butch Durgin musters his team of Belgian horses during the Windsor Historical Society's annual sleigh ride at the Windsor Fairgrounds in Maine.

Brain-dead inmate freed

CA SACRAMENTO — An inmate who was left braindead after being shot by a prison guard last month was freed from custody with an unusual decision from a state prison board.

Daniel Provencio, 28, remains in Bakersfield's Mercy Hospital, hooked to a ventilator and intravenous tubes. But he no longer is shackled to the bed, nor guarded around the clock at a cost of \$1,056 a day, as he had been since he was shot in the head with a supposedly non-lethal foam projectile during a prison altercation Jan. 16.

Provencio was released in June after serving a three-year, eightmonth Ventura County sentence for drug possession with intent to sell. But he was reincarcerated Aug. 23 for violating his parole by driving under the influence. He was due for parole consideration again in June

Hemingway controversy

ID BOISE — Residents who live near writer Ernest Hemingway's former home in the resort town of Ketchum want to buy the house and move it to settle a dispute with its owner, The Nature Conservancy. Four couples say plans to turn

the house into a literary memorial would create tourist traffic, disrupting the neighborhood where building lots can sell for more than \$4 million each.

They want to purchase 13 acres that include the house, then return the building to the conservation group - provided it be moved to somewhere else in Ketchum. The Conservancy's board of directors will consider the offer later this month.

New rules for jail visits

MA WEST BOYLSTON — There's a long list of things that you can't do wh en you're be hind hars but for inmates at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction, the list is getting a little longer

Sheriff Guy W. Glodis has ordered an end to the face-to-face sessions in most sections of the jail, saving that contact between prisoners and visitors are to blame for most of the drugs and weapons entering the county lockups.

That means an end to the brief hug that prisoners are allowed to receive at the end of a visit, as well as any other direct contact with visitors. Kissing has been banned for several years

"There has to be some kind of disincentive to go to jail," Glodis told the Telegram & Gazette of Worcester. "This shouldn't be a place to be coddled, hugged or given contact. This is a penal facility in which you lose many rights. That's why it's a jail."

Hoffa lead a dead end

MI DETROIT — Blood found on the floor of a Detroit home is not that of Jimmy Hoffa, investigators said, ruling out what had looked like one of the most promising recent leads in the disappearance of the Teamsters boss 30 years ago

Authorities had ripped up floorboards last May at a house where Delaware Teamsters official Frank Sheeran said he shot Hoffa to death

Police in the Detroit suburb of

Bloomfield Township received a report from the FBI crime lab Monday concluding that human blood from a male was on the floorboards but that the blood was not Hoffa's

Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca said that it was not known whose blood it was, but that the DNA would be entered into a national database.

"It really would be nice to put some closure on this case," Gorcyca said

Hoffa was last seen on July 30. 1975, at a restaurant in Bloomfield Township, Sheeran died in 2003.

Businesses destroyed

VT WHITE RIVER JUNC-TION — A fire destroyed several husinesses in a downtown building, but there were no immediate reports of injuries.

More than 50 firefighters fought the flames for at least two hours, bringing them under control just after 8 p.m., said the retired Hartford fire chief, John Wood, who acted as a safety officer for responding emergency crews.

"When I came down here, there were flames shooting out the roof," said resident John Ashley. "They were adding water to it pretty anick

The blaze broke out in a bar and destroyed adjoining businesses.

A Texas-sized gift

HOUSTON — An oil heiress's gift to a Houston museum could eventually add up to \$450 million.

Caroline Wiess Law, the daughter of one of Humble Oil Co.'s founders, made the Museum of Fine Art, Houston, the prime beneficiary of her estate after her death in 2003 When all of Law's assets are sold

and the legal proceedings conclude, possibly by the end of this vear, the museum could net between \$400 million and \$450 million, said director Peter Marzio.

"In recent history, this would be one of the biggest — if not the biggest — cash gifts to an art museum," said Mimi Gaudieri, executive director, Association of Art Museum Directors in New York. "This money will help make Houston one of the most important museums in terms of programming and serving the public

Law's giving would rank as No. 1 in non-art donations to museums on a list compiled by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, which tracks charitable donations of \$50 million and more.

Nothing to crow about

AUBURN — Hunters killed more than 1,000 crows in an annual contest that has drawn national attention to this upstate New York community.

Thirty-four teams participated in the third annual crow shoot killing 1.061 birds over two days, said organizer Tom Lennox.

The winning team shot 186 crows

Meanwhile, protesters demon-strated outside City Hall this weekend to decry the hunt, some carrying placards that said "Stop the Carnage!

The city, 20 miles west of Syracuse in the Finger Lakes region, has been plagued for nearly two decades by a roost of crows that has grown to nearly 64,000 birds.

Photos and stories from wire services

Sleigh ride

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Horoscope

The annual solar transit into Pisces starts like a poignant distant oboe solo. Melancholic stirrings confirm that something profound is about to han nen, and indeed it will. But the big event is in our heart. mind and spirit, not an external plot twist we must react to.

The moon harmonizes, moving into moody Cancer. Home wraps us in comfort.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (February 18). It's a year

of healing and renewal You're so impressive to colleagues, friends and family through the next four weeks that you are offered a rare opportuni ty. Love takes root in March, and you're open to it. New additions to the family are featured in April. Take a financial chance in June, and you'll finally have the money for that wish.

Your lucky numbers are: 9, 20, 45, ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're taken in by glamour, but who

16 and 23

isn't? When the fog clears, just be sure you're good to the ones who are good to you. Loosen the purse strings - it's not a crime to spoil yourself or loved ones once in a while

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Anything having to do with the building of wealth and power gets your attention. Try to lighten up around loved ones, though. Fun has a more important role in your life than you may realize.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You're getting stern with your person al life. You may even eliminate someone from further contention for the position of Mr./Ms. Right. Hey the competition is tough! Finances reflect your new attitude

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Nothing is out of your league unless you believe it is. Your self-imposed limitations are obvious to you now. Try to stretch the boundaries. Interview an Aquarius or Sagittarius and consider strongly what you leam

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Events

reinforce the idea that every ending is a new beginning. Don't skip the final stages of a cycle in order to get on with the new thing. This will only stunt your progress. Get closure where necessary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Oh, the games you'll play **Holiday Mathis** especially when it's about love! You appear not to care at all what the object of your desire thinks of you - how

seductive. When you're not attached to the outcome, you win LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct. 23). There are

unlimited possibilities of

who you can be and what you can realize. Having more choices doesn't make you feel any more in control, though, To prevent confusion, identify specifical-

ly what fits your mission. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

What wit! What style! Share your sassy musings. Socializing with you now is like biting into a scrumptious truffle; it leaves a wonderful taste in the mouth accompanied by the wanting for more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You needn't feel guilty or mad when the financial scene doesn't quite balance out. Chalk it up to a revenue shortfall, and move on. Keeping money in its proper per spective is a challenge. Put people

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Your tolerance is low for people who come across as powerless to improve things. You know it's an act, something they've convinced themselves of that has nothing to do with reality. Don't give in!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you are rich in terms of time and a sense of fulfillment, then you are rich indeed. Tonight, it's lucky to put yourself into a deeply relaxed and tranquil state to review and refine

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

your goals.

You could come to the realization that you are the person who needs to change. Instead of seeing the weaknesses in the other person. re-direct your thoughts. Take the necessary action.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals H

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Early hearing detection important JUMBLE

Dear Abby: In a recent column, writers expressed concerns about early hearing screening for newborns and young children. Your readers should know that Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (known as the EHDI program) is a nationwide priority supported by several state and federal

We at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are proud to be a part of this effort. We have long advocated screening to detect hearing loss. Early interven-tion gives children the

best possible start in life. The foundation of the EHDI program is the 1-3-6 Plan, whose goals

ensure ■ Rabies are screened for hearing loss before 1 month of age ■ Babies are referred for diag-

nostic hearing and medical evalua tion before 3 months of age ■ Rabies are enrolled in intervention services before 6 months of age if a hearing loss is found.

Dear Abby

Director, National Center on Birth Defects and **Developmental Disabilities** Dear Dr. Cordero: Thank you for taking the time to write Readers, for more information on EHDI or how to contact you

vention cannot be overstated

state or territorial EHDI program, visit the CDC Web site: www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/

Jose F. Cordero, M.D.

Dear Abby: I have been married to "Jeremy" for four years. I thought we had a won derful marriage. A few

months ago, I had his cell phone records pulled because I suspected Jeremy was being deceitful about the people who were paging him. I was shocked to discover that he had been in constant contact with the girl he had dated before me, and also another woman who is also married. Then I found out he had them without my knowledge

Jeremy swore to me that he ould no longer have contact with either of them and said our marriage was more important than his "friendships." Because I no longer trusted him, I had his phone records pulled again; nothing has changed. He says he remains in contact with them

Why would my husband destroy our marriage and constantly lie if he has no feelings for these other women?

- Hurting in New Orleans Dear Hurting: You're asking the wrong person. Only your husband can answer that aues tion. A marriage without trust is no marriage at all, and it's important that you find out why he would jeopardize his relationship with you in order to maintain those friendships. Counseling for the two of you might be helpful Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write

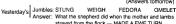
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion Unscramble these four Jumples.

one letter to each square to form four ordinary words TUMSY SYNOW

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



What can teens do to get in shape?

Dear Annie: As a faithful and devoted reader, I think I deserve some advice, not to sound too bossy or anything. Anyway, since everyone makes up names in this column. I'm going to do it, too.

Hi! My name is Lynetta Rainbow Couchpotato I'm 16 and I love to eat I'm not overweight or anything, but I'm definite ly not the perfect size 2. Some times I can be quite active, but it is so hard to find the motivation to get out there and lose some calories. Whenever I make up my mind

that I am going to do something, I always end up not doing it. For instance, at my school we have a voluntary weight/conditioning class early in the morning. At bedtime, I'll be like, "OK, I'm gonna go," and then when my alarm goes off at 6, I am too tired, and I go back to sleep. I'm honeless! It is also nearly impos sible to eat healthy. So my ques-



come motivated to lose weight? And how can I say NO to unhealthy foods? Thanks. My size depends on your ad-

Dear Lynetta Rainhow Couchnotato (we love your name): Your size depends on YOU, and your goal should be health, not weight,

Eating healthy is not hard, but you will need your parents' assistance to get the junk food out of the house. You can eat almost anything else, in moderation. Stock up on easy-to-grab snacks like yogurt, fruit, cheese, cut-up veggies, even peanut butter, and if you're desperate, a handful of pretzels or nuts. Drink a lot of water. Then find some form of exercise that interests you

enough to stick. Don't set goals you cannot keep (like waking up at 6 a.m.). Can you try out for the school volleyball, softball or basketball team? Let us know how it goes

Dear Annie: My 9-year-old

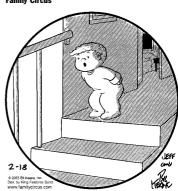
niece, "Becca," has had elegant, elaborate birthday parties since she was a baby. Every year, her mother (my sister-in-law) works for weeks in advance to rent a space and hire entertainment for a child who has grown accus-

tomed to these affairs. The whole family is getting tired of these ostentatious parties. We all love Becca, but we dread these festivities every year. What should we do?

- Sick of It Dear Sick of It: We think it's only once a year and you ought to suck it up and go. But if you really can't stand these parties, it's fine to reply to the invitation, "So sorry, but we have other plans that day." Then make sure vou do.

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Family Circus



"I'd like to leave a wake-up call for whenever it is I wake up.'

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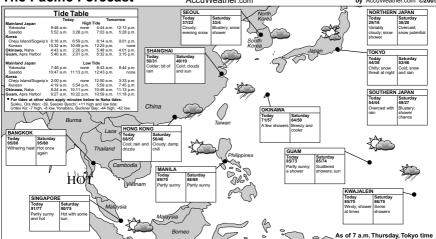
"Dad! Find out if they have cable!"



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Extended Forecasts

Sunday: Partly sunny, high 52, low 33. Monday: Partly sunny, high 42, low 32,

KADENA

Sunday: Showers, high 55, low 45. Monday: Rain, high 56 low 49

SEOUL

Sunday: Partly sunny, high 20, low 3. Monday: Mostly sunny, high 22 low 11

MANILA

Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 67. Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 87, low 69

HAGATNA

Sunday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 74 Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 86, low 75

Wednesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	57/38	Los Angeles	67/54
Amarillo	44/27	Little Rock	57/36
Anchorage	33/24	Louisville	48/29
Asheville	62/36	Miami	80/62
Baltimore	65/28	Milwaukee	33/12
Birmingham	66/38	Nashville	52/29
Bismarck	25/4	New York	51/33
Boise	40/20	Omaha	41/17
Boston	54/32	Orlando	81/58
Brownsville	85/62	Philadelphia	60/32
Buffalo	32/14	Phoenix	72/55
Burlington	45/16	Pittsburgh	39/24
Charleston, S	C 75/47	Portland, OR	55/30
Charlotte	68/40	Portland, ME	46/25
Cleveland	35/22	Salt Lake City	36/22
Columbus, Ol-	39/24	St. Louis	47/27
Duluth	17/-2	San Antonio	71/50
El Paso	67/42	San Diego	67/54
Hartford	55/26	San Juan	81/70
Helena	36/12	Tampa	77/62
Indianapolis	39/22	Tulsa	50/29
Jacksonville	79/55	Washington, D	C 64/32
Kansas City	44/24	Wichita	45/27



U.S. Extended Forecast

Small upper-level disturbances will move across Nevada, Utah and eastern Arizona on Friday, bringing some rain and a bit of mountain snow with them. An area of low pressure will provide rain to much of central and Southern California. A southeasterly wind flow from the Gulf of Mexico will produce enough moisture into Texas for a few showers to dampen most of the eastern areas of the state An upper-level disturbance will produce rain for much of Arizona and New Mexico Saturday, with some snow in the northern and central Rockies. Flurries and light snow will fall across the central and eastern Great Lakes areas

Friday's Pacific Temperatures

Friday's World Temperatures

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Beijing	31/7	Kadena AB	71/57	Sapporo	29/16	Athens	56/47	Buenos Aires	90/70	Kiev	42/34	New Delhi	77/48
Camp Casey	37/20	Kunsan AB	41/30	Seoul	37/22	Auckland	69/56	Cairo	90/63	Kuwait	73/52	Oslo	33/30
Christchurch	61/46	Kwajalein	85/75	Shanghai	50/31	Baghdad	75/52	Cancun	81/65	London	46/34	Paris	41/36
Diego Garcia	87/77	Manila	89/70	Singapore	91/77	Barbados	88/71	Cape Town	73/52	Madrid	49/30	Rio de Janeiro	82/69
Hagatna	85/73	Misawa AB	34/19	Sydney	84/67	Barcelona	49/35	Geneva	34/26	Mexico City	70/48	Rome	49/34
Hanoi	77/60	Osan	39/23	Taegu	44/33	Berlin	34/24	Istanbul	49/38	Montreal	18/1	St. Petersburg	27/21
Hong Kong	68/55	Perth	82/62	Taipei	66/50	Bermuda	64/49	Jerusalem	75/54	Mogadishu	92/79	Stockholm	33/32
Honolulu	82/67	Pusan	45/37	Tokyo	44/36	Brussels	43/30	Johannesburg	80/61	Moscow	32/25	Warsaw	32/29



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Friday

AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.-Auto racing: NASCAR Nextel Cup Duel at Daytona. AFN-Sports, 6 a.m.-Golf: PGA Nissan Open.

first round (Joined in progress).

AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.-College basketball:
Louisville at Marquette.

AFN-Sports, AFN radio Korea, 10 a.m.-NBA: AFN-Sports leveland at Minnesota. AFN-Sports, 12:30 p.m.-NBA: Dallas at Phoe

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AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.-NBA: Inside the NBA
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-College basketb
CLA at California (dld). UCLA at California (dld).

AFN-Sports, 11 p.m.-College basketball:
Louisville at Marquette (dld).

Saturday

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.-College basketball: luke at Virginia Tech (dld). AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.-Golf: PGA Nissan Open, econd round. AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-NBA: All-Star Celebrity

AFN-Pacific/Korea, 10 a.m.-Auto racing: NASCAR Craftsman Trucks Dodge Dealers

ARN-Altanific, 11 am.-Boxing: Remit Clin-ARN-Altanific, 11 am.-Boxing: Remit Clin-ron vs. Steve Martinez, welterweights. ARN-Sports, APN radio Korea, 11 am.-NBA: AIN-Sports, 1 pm.-NBA: Inside the NBA, ARN-Sports, 1 pm.-NBA: Inside the NBA, ARN-Sports, 5 pm.-Auto racing: NASCAR Reveted cup Due at Daytona (drmit Clintron s. Steve Martinez, welterweights (did).

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College basketball

AP Men's Top 25 fared

Tuesday

1. Illinois (25-0) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Wednesday.

2. Kansas (20-2) did not not play. Next: at Penn not play.

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14. Utáh (22-3) díd not play. Next: at Air Force, Saturday.
15. Washington (20-4) díd not play. Next: at Washington State, Saturday.
15. Washington (20-4) díd not play. Next: at Washington State, Saturday.
17. Pittsburgh (18-4) díd not play. Next: at No. 25 Villanova, Sunday.
18. Connecticut (16-6) beat Providence.
18. Connecticut (16-6) beat Providence.
19. Pacific (20-2) díd not play. Next: vs. UC Santa Barbara, Wednesday.

19. Pacific (20-2) did not play, Next' vs. Usanta Barbara, Wednesday, 20. Wisconsin (16-6) did not play, Next' vs. Michigan, Wednesday, 20. Wisconsin (16-7) did not play, Next' vs. Nebraska, Wednesday, 22. Maryland (15-7) did not play, Next: at North Carolina State, Wednesday, Next: at North Carolina State, Wednesday, 22. Maryland (15-7) did not play, Next: at Storth Action (16-6) did not play, Next vs. Southern Mississiph, Wednesday, 25. Villanova (15-6) best Bucknell 89-51. Next: at Storth Mill, Thursday,

Tuesday's men's scores

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Adelphi S. S., Thomas Anninas 37
Alfright SI, Moravian 65
Brockgord 59, Ulcan Fech 86
Brockgord 59, Wheelson, Mass. 75, OT Colly 57, Malan Martines 68
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New Haven 69, Concordia, N.Y. 48 Norwich 92, Suffolk 55 Nyack 62, Felician 58 Oneonta 75, New Paltz 71 Oswego 5t. 56, Plattsburgh 54 Penn St. Altoona 71, Hood 55

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Adrian TS, Kalaman GS
Cent. Michigan SB, W. Michigan 74
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Colorado Mines 86, Colorado Christian 75 Mesa, Colo. 77, Western St., Colo. 61 NW Christian 67, Pacific, Ore. 60 Utah Valley St. 71, Grand Canyon 49

AP Women's Top 25 fared

Tuesday
1. LSU (23-1) did not play. Next: vs. Ken-

tucky, Thursday, 2. Ohio State (24-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Minnesota, Thursday, 3. Duke (23-2) did not play. Next: vs. Clem-3. Duke (23-2) did not play. Next: vs. Cierrion, Thursday.
4. Stanford (22-2) did not play. Next: at outhern California, Friday.
5. Notre Dame (23-3) beat No. 25 Boston college 54-47. Next: at No. 10 Rutgers, Satur-

S, Notre Dame (22-3) bein No. 25 Boston Grup 24-47. Next at No. 15 Mutpers, Satur-Grup 24-47. Next at No. 10 Mutpers, Satur-Grup 24-47. Next at No. 10 Mutpers, Satur-Grup 24-47. Raylor (14-5) did not play, Next at No. 10 Mutpers 24-47. Next at No. 10 Mutpers 24-47. Next at No. 10 Mutpers 24-47. Next at No. 10 Mutpers 24-57. Sold not play, Next at System 24-47. Next at No. 14-47. Next at Mississiph, Sindhay. Next at Mississiph, Sindhay. 17. Tempin (25-7) did not play, Next at Mississiph, Sindhay. 18-47. Next at No. 14-47. Next at No. 14-47.

Allami, Thursday.

21. North Carolina State (18-5) did not olay. Next: vs. Florida State, Thursday.

22. Vanderbilt (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. rkansas, Thursday.

23. Wisconsin Croop. Ray. (23.2) did. not

22 Wilstom (1-7) did not play. Testa 24 Wilstomsin-Green Bay (21-2) did not play, Next vs. Cleveland State, Thursday. 24 Penn State (1-8) did not play, Next vs. Wisconsin, Thursday. (1-6) did not play, Next vs. Setom Hall, Saturday Dame 94-47, Next: vs. Seton Hall, Saturday.

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ic, Croatia, 6-2, 6-3.
Virginie Razzano, France, def. Ana Ivanovic, Serbia-Montenegro, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.
Mary Pierce, France, def. Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-1.

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Fexas State 5, Fexas-Pan American 0
Texas Tech 7, TCU 4
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Arizona 7, Arizona St. 6, 14 innings
Cal St. Fullerton 10, Loyola Marymount
Nevada at St. Mary's, Cal., ppd., rain
Oregon St. 6, Portland 4

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Wednesday At Ahoy' Stadium Rotterdam, Netherlands Purse: \$1 million (Intl. Gold) Surface: Hard-Indoor

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Singles First Round Michael Llodra, France, def. Peter Wes-sels, Netherlands, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-2. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. David Nalbandian (4), Argentina, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, def. Feliciano Lopez (8), Spain, 6-4, 7-5 (4).

Tim Henman (3), Britain, def. Nicolas Klef-er, Germany, 7-5, 6-4. Mario Ancic, Croatia, def. Taylor Dent, Unit-ed States, 7-6 (5), 7-5.

Copa Colsanitas Tuesday At Club Campestre el Rancho Bogota, Colombia Purse: \$170,000 (Tier III)

Surface: Clay-Outdo Singles

San Jose St. at California, ppd., rain Southern Cal 7, San Diego 5 UC Davis at San Francisco, ppd., rain UC Santa Barbara 14, Westmont 2

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Morgan Keegan Championships

Tuesday
At The Racquet Club of Memphis
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Magic's Howard growing into a star

BY MARK HEISLER

Los Angeles Times ORLANDO, Fla. — Childhood.

it was nice while it lasted. Dwight Howard was 18 years old, 6-foot-81/4 and still growing, 240 pounds and already living in the weight room, when the Orlando Magic made him the first pick in last spring's NBA Draft and he dazzled everyone at his first news

conference. "Please, Dwight, don't lose that winning smile," went a headline in an Orlando newspaper the next

And he didn't, for the first five weeks of his rookie season, anyway.

Dec. 8, On Howard's 44 I take the fact birthday, he was that he was averaging a double-double, 10.9 points, 10.4 re-bounds. That was hungry to get the ball and sort a higher scoring of stand up to than average Garnett his teammates had his rookie year and the highabout being est rookie re average involved in the offense and not The next night after getting iust cleaning up three shots and missing them all the garbage on in a loss to the the offensive Miami Heat. Howard said he

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ly, because it was him being hungry to get to the next level and be better as a player immediately.

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said. "I sort of

like that, actual-

You know, he came in in the beginning of the season and was very happy to be here and I'll rebound and block shots. And as he got more and more comfortable. he started sort of feeling his oats a

"I take the fact that he was hungry to get the ball and sort of stand up to his teammates about being involved in the offense and not just cleaning up the garbage on the offensive glass as a good indicator of his hunger to make the next step.

A lot has changed in the nine years since Garnett jumped from high school to the pros and started a movement.

Then it was considered daring. A year later when Kobe Bryant became the first perimeter player to trv. it was considered foolhardy. Now it's a way of life, with a record eight high school players going in the last draft's first round — five in the lottery.

Howard was a good student whose parents both worked at the Atlanta high school he attended, but now even elite players with his background don't consider col-

Only three colleges bothered to recruit Howard in his senior

North Carolina's Roy Williams

was the only one from outside Georgia, showing Howard a briefcase containing 26 NCAA and conference title rings won by players he coached. The two he didn't have on him, he explained, were Michael Jordan's.

Not that that made it more difficult for Howard.

"I've been wanting to go to the NBA out of high school since I was young, 2 years old," he said.

Meanwhile, NBA general managers who used to wince at the thought of scouting high school games, see most of their peers at some now

In 1996, Indiana President Donnie Walsh was publicly skeptical of Bryant's ability to make the

> In 1998. Walsh drafted Al Harout Elizabeth (N.J.) Patrick's High. And in 1999, he traded Antonio Davis, one of his mainstavs. for Jonathan Bender Picayune (Miss) Memorial High. "That's where the league is, Walsh said, "and there's a good side and a down-

side to that. young "The players are not at level Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird right now.

thev John Weisbrod are. And to be Magic GM honest I think there's probably 25 of them in the league that are at that talent level. The future of the league is just awesome but it's going to take

> time for these kids to have their "I think you just have to under stand, these kids aren't aware of the profession yet so there's going to be mistakes, and I wouldn't get

> all twisted up about it." Despite the controversial nature of the issue, it doesn't happen just in basketball, but across

the board.

Only the NFL bars high school players. Since the origin of its draft in the 1960s, baseball has drafted players out of high school, as has the NHL. Freddy Adu ioined Major League Soccer at 14 The new sensation in tennis is 15-year-old Donald Young, whom Nike just signed to an endorsement contract

From the NBA's perspective, it's no longer a question of whether it's good or bad. Everyone has to learn to deal with it.

Aside from the McDonald's Classic replacing the NCAA tournament as the marquee event on the pre-draft circuit, it means some teams will get great steals, such as the Los Angeles Lakers trading for the No. 13 pick that became Bryant.

There will also be great disappointments, such as Kwame Brown, the top pick in 2001, who



Magic rookie forward Dwight Howard, right, falls just short of averaging a double-double. The No. 1 overall pick has shown he is ready for the rigors of the NBA despite coming straight from high school.

is still a Wizards reserve.

And there will be great anguish, such as what the Bulls experienced with Tyson Chandler and Eddy Curry, the Nos. 2 and 4 picks in 2001, who took so long to develop. The team was listening to offers for Curry until both young players suddenly began

putting it together this season.

For the Magic, faced with a choice between University of Connecticut junior Emeka Okafor and Howard, it was a classic di-

Weisbrod had the advantage of a hockey background (he played for the New York Rangers and worked for the New Jersey Devils before moving into arena administration and crossing over to the basketball side), and had dealt

with high school prospects. However, he also had a team at a low ebb.

On one hand, he could take Okafor to get immediate help and cheer up the local franchise player. Tracy McGrady, who was noticeably unhappy and a year from free agency.

the other hand, after McGrady expressed disinterest, they could go another way: Trade McGrady and make the choice on its own merits.

"It wasn't a difficult perception of who we thought would be the better player three or four years down the road," Weisbrod said. "We just thought the upside in Dwight was so tremendous.

What made it difficult was that obviously we were making this selection at a time when our team was awful, when we were coming off a 21-win season and being the worst team in the NBA. If ever there's a situation that screams for a need for immediate

help, that was it. . . .
"We stepped back and decided to reach our ultimate goal, which is obviously winning a championship, we were going to need a lot of other pieces and the difference between the two players' readiness in their first year was not a smart reason to go for the short-er-term fix."

With Okafor averaging points and 11 rebounds in Charlotte, the decision is still debated in Orlando, but that's what the new era is all about.

Waiting and seeing

Howard is as straight as arrows come, a born-again Christian who attended Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy, where they didn't call the dance at the end of the ed too secular.

He's hard-working, poised, soft-spoken and nice as can be so nice that he gave Weisbrod

"Probably the one thing that stands out when you talk to him is he's such a nice kid and he's such a good kid, you wonder about him having the killer instinct and the real competitive desire to take guvs on." Weisbrod said.

But he's really done a good job in dealing with that, not that in his mind it was anything he had to deal with. Even though he's not a sort of loud, aggressive-type person, he takes a lot of pride in his performance, sort of like a Tim Duncan in terms of his temperament.

"He's a quiet kid and very professional and doesn't come off as necessarily the type of guy that wants to cut your heart out, but he does.

It was a good sign when Howard came back from summer ball, in which he had done well, said he had been pushed around too much and threw himself into weightlifting.

Since the draft, the team says he has grown nearly an inch, to 6-9, and is up to 262 pounds.

It was an extremely good sign when he waded in and began rebounding like a grown man in camp. He was in the starting line. up on opening night and never looked back.

It's not a game anymore, and it's not just a job, either. It's a lifestyle. Aside from games, practices and trips. Howard is surrounded by a support system.

A 24-year-old cousin lives with him and hangs out with him on the road. A chef hired by the team comes in to cook so Howard gets the 5.200 calories a day a growing voung nower forward needs. The Magic conditioning coach and the team's big-man assistant coach, Clifford Ray, are in constant con-

"Everything I expected in the NBA, that's what it is," Howard said. "It's a grind. It's a lot of hard work that you've got to put in. Everything that I expected is here

"It's fun. It's also a lot of work, but it's fun. It's something that I asked for. I have faith that God won't put me in positions to mess me up or make me fail. It's something that I earned and something I want to keep working at."

Of course, this is just the beginning.

Last spring, Howard, his father and an Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter who spent 10 months observing Dwight's metamorphosis visited the set of TNT's NBA studio show.

Magic Johnson gave Dwight advice, and Charles Barkley was Charles Barkley.

Pointing to a young woman, Barkley said, "Now this is what you can't mess with. They'll be after you, and don't think it's because you're good-looking. It's

who you are. "You tell him, Charles," Dwight's father said.

Iverson: I want to be with Sixers

PHILADELPHIA - Allen Iverson says he wants to play the rest of his career with the Philadel-

"I want to be right here," Iverson said after Tuesday's practice.
"If I could have a wish, I would



wish it's the last time I that. I would wish people would know this is where I

want to be."

Iverson was responding to a story in Tuesday's edition of The Philadelphia Inquirer that said his agent met with Sixers President Billy King last week to express the star guard's unhappiness over the direction of the team and that he wanted to be traded if there weren't roster up-

King did meet with Iverson's Leon Rose, but insisted agent. Tuesday he does not have an un-happy All-Star on his team.

"He never asked to be traded. and he does not want to be traded," King said.

Iverson, a three-time scoring champion who was voted to the All-Star team for the sixth time, is enjoying perhaps the best season of his nine-year career. He scored a career-high 60 points against Orlando on Saturday and followed that up with 38 points against New York on Monday. boosting his league-leading scor ing average to 29.9. He's carried a young team to a

26-26 record and a share of first place with Boston in the Atlantic Division.

"I don't want to be a distraction on this team," Iverson said. "If there are any distractions on this team. I don't want Allen Iverson's name involved in it, period.

LeBron undecided on All-Star dunk contest

CLEVELAND - Usually the one with his feet off the floor, LeBron James has everyone else

With the NBA's All-Star dunk contest in Denver just a few days away, the Cleveland Cavaliers star forward hasn't decided whether he'll take part against the league's other premier leapers

'It is a 'yes or no' answer," said James, who has been pressed about a decision nearly every day for the past few weeks. "I just haven't decided if I'll do it or not. You know me, I'm a last-minute person?

James skipped last vear's dunk contest in Los Angeles, partially because he was upset about not being picked as a reserve for the Eastern Conference's All-Star team as a rookie. James, who re-cently missed a few games with a sprained ankle, may wait until Fri day before he makes up his mind.

The league has not yet officially announced the participants in Saturday night's dunk contest, at one time the highlight of All-Star Weekend festivities. Atlanta rookie Josh Smith said he has been asked to compete along with J.R. Smith of New Orleans and Amare Stoudemire of Phoenix.

Olowokandi helps McHale get first win

Kevin McHale already has had an impact on the Minnesota Timberwolves: They're listening to their coach for once.

Timberwolves went from an NBA power to an also-ran this year under Flip Saunders, who was fired on Saturday. McHale, the team's vice president of bas-ketball operations and a Hall of Fame player when he was with the Boston Celtics, took over

In his second game as coach Tuesday night, McHale led the Wolves to an 82-71 victory over the New Jer-



sey Nets. "If you can keep banging the boards, hitting, fighting and scratch-

ing, stuff will fall your way eventually," said McHale, whose style as a forward was to do exactly that

Michael Olowokandi had 17 points and 12 rebounds in one of his better games since joining Minnesota before last season. Kevin Garnett, who shot 0-for-5 from the floor in the first half, scored 17 points and raved about the positive energy McHale has cted.

"He's like a breath of fresh air right now," Garnett said. "He's given everybody from A to Z con-

fidence." Added Olowokandi: "Now, if you don't score or if you don't play that much, everybody's still upbeat. McHale does a very, very good job of that." Wally Szczerbiak added 14

points and eight rebounds for the Wolves, winning for just the second time in 10 games while set-



Timberwolves center Michael Olowokandi pulls down one of his 12

ting season bests in points allowed and opponents' field-goal percentage (31.0).

Vince Carter had 25 of his 32 points in the first half for the Nets. who got a season-high 18 points from Ron Mercer — but little from anyone else after halftime.

The Timberwolves' various problems have included rebounding, effort and shot selection, but they boxed out consistently. played hard and moved the ball well against the Nets. Olowokandi sparked a 31-8 spurt that bridged the first and second periods.

Lakers 102, Jazz 95: Kobe Bryant scored 40 points in his second game back from an ankle inju-

rebounds in front of Nets center Nenad Krstic during the first quarter.

ry - his first at home since he sprained his ankle more than a month ago. "I needed to get a game under

my belt to get my legs back, get my rhythm back," Bryant said. "And it's back." Chucky Atkins added 24 points,

including a three-pointer that gave the Lakers a 96-95 lead with 54 seconds remaining, part of L.A.'s 12-2 run to end the game. Magic 99, Clippers 94: At Orlando, Grant Hill scored a sea-

son-high 39 points, but it was two clutch jump shots by Steve Francis in the final minute that closed out the slumping Clippers Francis finished with 16 points

and seven assists for Orlando which won for the third time in four games. The Clippers, who have lost six

straight, got 21 points and 10 rebounds from Elton Brand.

Nuggets 100. Hawks 96: Carmelo Anthony's jump shot with nine-tenths of a second to play won it, the Nuggets' first win in Atlanta since 1988.

Anthony led Denver with 22 noints. Antoine Walker led the Hawks

with 22 points and 12 rebounds.

Mavericks 114, Warriors 107: Dirk Nowitzki had 35 points and 11 rebounds, Michael Finley scored 24 points and Dallas remained unbeaten on its road trip

Devin Harris scored 15 points for the Mavericks, who beat Golden State for the 22nd time in their past 24 meetings. But Dallas needed a 12-2 surge midway through the fourth quarter to avoid a loss after impressive wins at Sacramento and Seattle

Bulls 107, Kings 102: At Chicago, rookie Ben Gordon scored 11 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter, and the Bulls ended an 11-game losing streak to Sacramento dating to Feb. 28, 1998.

Brad Miller had 23 points for the Kings, who lost for only the third time in 18 games against Eastern Conference teams.

Rockets 123. Wizards 93: Tracy McGrady scored 34 points Yao Ming 23, leading the Rockets to their eighth straight win. Houston's longest streak since March 1999 and the best active run in the league.
Antawn Jamison had 23 points

for the Wizards, losers of five straight road games.

NBA scorehoard

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Boston	26	26	.500	-
Philadelphia	26	26	.500	4 5
New Jersey	22	30	.423	4
Toronto	21	31	.404	5
New York	20	32	.385	6
Southeast I	Divis	ion		
Miami	39	14	.736	-
Washington	30	22	.577	81/2
Orlando	28	24	.538	101/2
Charlotte	10	39	.204	27
Atlanta	10	40	.200	271/2
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Detroit	31	19	.620	-
Cleveland	29	20	.592	11/2
Chicago	25	23	.521	5
Indiana	24	26	480	7
Milwaukee	20	29	408	101/2

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All-Star Game at Denver

Tuesday Timberwolves 82, Nets 71

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11, Duhon 2-3 0-0 5, Gordon 8-15 8-9 24, Reiner 0-0 0-0 0, Nocioni 2-2 6-10 10, Piatkowski 0-0 0-0 0, Griffin 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 35-65 35-48 107. Sacramento 20 24 31 77-102 Chicago 25 28 21 33-107 Chicago 25 28 21 33—107

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Rockets 123, Wizards 93

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Lakers 102, Jazz 95

CORAL GABLES, Fla. - Wake Forest's potent offense misfired Tuesday night, so the Demon Deacons relied on defense for a

change By holding Miami to 33 percent shooting in the second half, No. 5 Wake Forest won 68-63 to retain its lead in the Atlantic Coast Con-

ference 'We're used to running, scoring in the 80s and the 90s," guard Chris Paul said. "Tonight we did just enough to win. I think it really shows how far along our team

The Demon Deacons enjoyed their biggest lead at 61-53 with 41/2 minutes left. Miami rallied and had one shot to tie, but Anthony Harris' 22-footer fell short with 5 seconds to go.

Wake Forest (22-3, earned its sixth straight win, a streak that includes two victories over Miami (15-8, 6-6).

The Demon Deacons reached 10 conference victories for only the second time in the past eight seasons. The latest win came even though Wake Forest had its lowest point total since December, 18 points shy of its average of 86 per game.

"Usually we can score," coach Skip Prosser said. "Tonight when we didn't our defense carried the day. It's nice to talk about a game we won because of how we guarded?

The Hurricanes shot 47 percent in the first half but finished at 39, shooting 12-for-36 in the second half. They finished 3-for-18 from three-point range after making 13 three-pointers in a loss at Wake Forest last month.

"We knew they were really od three-point shooters," Demon Deacons center Eric Williams said. "We tried to take the three away from them. We just decided that if they wanted to drive. drive, because we weren't going to give away any threes.

Williams and Paul each scored 13 points for the Demon Deacons. and Justin Gray added 11

"They didn't have a great night shooting the ball, but found a way Miami coach Frank Haith said. "That shows they're a top-notch team. They're experienced, and they come at you in waves - they're a deep ballclub.

Guillermo Diaz led the Hurricanes with 20 points. Harris added 14 but was limited to 23 minutes because of cramps. Robert Hite totaled six, 12 below his

Taron Downey hit a three-pointer to put Wake Forest ahead to stay, 47-44 midway through the second half. Gray's three-pointer made it 59-53, and Trent Strickland then scored to put the Demon Deacons up by eight points for the first time.

Hite intercepted a pass and made the ensuing layup to cut the margin to 63-59, and Diaz hit two free throws to make it 63-61 with 1:32 to go

Paul sliced through the lane for a layup, and Diaz scored again for Miami to make it 65-63 with 20 seconds to go. Strickland made



one of two free throws, but Harris missed over Jamaal Levy from beyond the top of the key

"I saw that it was going straight to the goal, and I thought it might Levy said. "But it came up

short." Grav sank two free throws with 3 seconds remaining to clinch the

victory

"We're playing right now like we have a lot to lose," Williams "We didn't come out squeaky clean, but we found a way to win. I think that's our mentality right now: We're fighting for something, and we're just going to keep fighting."

No. 18 Connecticut 94. Providence 89 (20T): Charlie Villanueva had 22 points and 10 re-bounds to lead the visiting Huskies (16-6, 8-3 Big East), who scored the first seven points of the second overtime.

Marcus Williams had 15 points and 13 assists and Josh Boone had 11 points and 10 rebounds for UConn, which was coming off a loss to then-No. 2 North Carolina. The Huskies were again with-

out leading scorer Rashad Anderson, who's hospitalized as he recovers from an infection in his leg.

Rvan Gomes, a first-team All-America last season as a junior, scored a career-high 37 points - including all of the Friars' 11 in the second overtime to go over the 2,000-point milestone in his career. Providence (11-14, 1-10) was coming off its only conference win of the sea-

Providence's Herb Hill scored in heavy traffic in the lane on a pass from Gomes to make it 69-69 at the end of regulation. UConn's Denham Brown made a basket with 24 seconds left in the first overtime to tie it 78-78.

But the Friars, who have managed to lose close games all season ran out of gas in the second overtime

Villanueva scored on a putback and then, after Gomes missed a three-pointer, Rudy Gay hit a three to make it 83-78, Donnie McGrath missed a three for Providence and Villanueva got the rebound; at the other end, he made a hook shot to give the Huskies a seven-noint lead

Providence never got within four points again.

No. 25 Villanova 89, Bucknell 51: Allan Ray scored 23 points to lead the Wildcats (15-6) to their biggest win of the season just three days after they were handed their worst loss by No. 9 Syra-

Villanova made 21 of its first 33 shots overall, including nine of its first 18 three-point attempts, and turned this one into a blowout

Chris McNaughton had 17 points for the visiting Bisons (17-8), who beat then-No. 10 Pittsburgh and Saint Joseph's this sea-

Wake gets defensive in victory over Miami S. Carolina celebrates rare win over Kentucky

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Tarence Kinsey had such a good time during South Carolina's 73-61 upset of No. Kentucky on Tuesday night he wanted a do-over.

"I wish we could play it again. I had fun tonight," said Kinsey, who scored 17 points. Carlos Powell added 12 in the second half to lead

the Gamecocks to the rare victory over the Wildcats. "It's the biggest win in my career," said Powell, a senior who is hoping to lead the Gamecocks to their second straight NCAA tournament

It was the first home win for the Gamecocks (14-8. 6-5 Southeastern Conference) over the Wildcats (19-3, 10-1) since 1997, and it was just South Carolina's sixth victory in 41 meetings against Kentucky, which never looked in synch. Fans poured onto the court after the victory, argu-

ably South Carolina's best in coach Dave Odom's tenure, and Kinsey stood on press row, slapping high-fives with celebrating students. He was later apologetic, saying he couldn't find

his way to the locker mom - but it was obvious he was overcome with excitement "They were going to run over me," he said with a

The Wildcats, who had won 19 straight games against SEC opponents, had a season-high 21 turnovers, and Chuck Hayes was held to just one point. Kelenna Azubuike led Kentucky with 16 points five in the second half.

"You've got to make some shots. We had onen threes." Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said.

The Wildcats shot just 26.1 percent (6-for-23) from behind the arc. They also struggled from the free-throw line, making 65.5 percent.

"It's frustrating," Azubuike said. "We can't get down on ourselves."

The near capacity crowd finally had something to cheer about after the Gamecocks' disappointing 74-71 home loss to Auburn on Saturday. South Card lina added a high-profile win as it attempts to build its NCAA tournament résumé The Gamecocks were 0-4 against ranked opponents coming into Tuesday's matchup, but they still have a game against No. 18 Alabama on Saturday

"I don't really know how that works," Tisby said of making the tournament. But "we just got tired of losing close games.

The Gamecocks lost games to Kansas and Pittsburgh earlier this season, both by four points

South Carolina built a 58-45 lead with 4:16 left after an 8-0 run and the Wildcats never seriously threatened again. The run featured a three-point play and dunk from Powell, the Gamecocks' leading scorer who had been held to just two points in the first half

But South Carolina pounded the ball inside to Pow ell, and Kentucky had no answer. Powell also credited the Gamecocks' mix of defenses

The Gamecocks built a 12-point lead on some key



South Carolina's Tarence Kinsey celebrates after hitting a three-pointer during the second half against Kentucky. Kinsey had 17 points in the upset.

long-range shooting by Kinsey, who was averaging 9.5 points a game. His fourth three of the game brought the crowd to its feet midway through the second half. Kinsey finished with five threes, a career-high On the next trip down, he missed a three, but Anto-

ine Tisby followed with a dunk to cap a 13-2 run with 13:28 left in the first half

It was Tisby's best game of the season. He had played just 8 minutes in the past five games, and didn't even make the trip to South Carolina's Jan. 29 game at Florida.

Odom told him Sunday it was time for him to get into the rotation, and he provided an energetic spark and 13 points off the bench.

Kentucky couldn't make any key shots to get a run going in the second half, and could have been hung over from a sluggish nine-point win against Georgia over the weekend, after which Smith told his team he was ashamed of them.

"Coach Odom had his team ready to play. They pretty much outworked us in most areas and really controlled the tempo of the game," Smith said.
"They just seemed like they wanted it more than we





Pitcher Derek Lowe, who won all three playoff clinchers in the Boston Red Sox's run to the World Series title

last season, signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers as a free agent during the offseason.

Changing Sox

Series champs have new look for spring

BY HOWARD ULMAN The Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. championship banners have arrived, the pitcher who won all three clinching games in the post-season finally left and the Boston Red Sox face a season that will be far different than any since 1919.

For the first time in 86 years. the Red Sox begin spring training as World Series winners — a sta-tus proclaimed by the banners hanging from lampposts outside of City of Palms Park. And they'll do it without Derek Lowe The Red Sox allowed the Fort

Myers resident to train at the stadium. He threw his last pitches there Tuesday and planned to drive Wednesday to Vero Beach, home of the Los Angeles Dodgers who signed him as a free agent.

He'll be just a spectator when the Red Sox open their season April 3 against the Yankees in New York

"I'm going to be sitting in San Francisco watching them play on TV," Lowe said. "Now I'm a fan watching these guys play. Now you've got to watch [Curt] Schilling and [Randy] Johnson, opening night. Yankees-Red Sox. and not be part of it ..."

It won't be the same, just like the rest of the new season.

Pedro Martinez left for the New York Mets and David Wells, Matt Clement and Wade Miller arrived to fill out the revamped rota-

Edgar Renteria, who grounded into the last out of Boston's four-game World Series sweep against St. Louis, is the Red Sox new shortstop

Right fielder Trot Nixon hopes the Red Soy's desire will be the same even after they won their championship with the greatest nostseason comehack in baseball history

"I'd be real disappointed if guys came in thinking" they could slack off, Nixon said. "Once January came around you, should realize that, hey, this is my profession. This is what I love to do. I don't want to play and then retire after winning a championship.

Even Lowe, who was disap-pointed with the way his seven full seasons with the Red Sox ended without a solid offer from the club, wished them well.

You root for the guys," he said. "You hope they stay healthy. You hope they have a good year. You hope they get to the World Series. There's no bitterness toward the players because these guys are great guys.

"It wasn't their decision why [I'm] not here, so why wish bad things upon them?"

Manager Terry Francona said Tuesday "I was really proud of him" in the postseason and Lowe thanked the Red Sox for letting him work out in their stadium.

Their nitchers and catchers are due to report Thursday. The entire team is due in Monday, with the first full-squad workout next Tuesday

Lowe figured his days were numbered back in July when the Red Sox shopped him around before the trading deadline. When he was left out of the playoff rotation, he had more incentive to finish his Boston career on a high

"In any profession, when some body tells you can't do something it motivates you to go out there and prove that you can." Lowe

That's something he shares with his former teammates

The Red Sox won the World Series, but baseball magazines have picked them to finish second in the AL East behind the Vankees for the eighth straight season. On paper, their rotation seems weaker than New York's.

Nixon was the only returning player from last year's championship team at the ballpark on Tuesday. Pitchers Miller and Matt Mantei, both acquired in the offalso have been working out. Miller is coming back from an injury-plagued season.

The heightened emphasis on steroids is another addition to spring training. Nixon is Boston's player representative and said the attention won't last long on Jose Canseco's book released this week in which he alleges steroid use by certain players.

"I don't care about Jose's book," he said. "It's another black eye for baseball a little bit, but I think it's just a black eye before spring training and the minute the boys start showing up for camp, it's going to be long gone and not talked about anymore.

Instead, Boston's focus will be n trying to win consecutive championships.

"I'm a greedy person. I want as many as I possibly can get," Nixon said. "I want to be one of those guys also that has an opportunity to take a picture and have four or five rings on my finger with this team."

Heinrichs resigns as U.S. soccer coach

CHICAGO - April Heinrichs is resigning as the United States women's soccer coach, six months after leading the team to

an Olympic gold medal.

The U.S. Soccer Federation said Tuesday that Heinrichs will remain as a consultant until the end of this year.

No replacement was immediately chosen. Assistant coaches Greg Ryan and Phil Wheddon will direct the team in the inter-

"There were a number of goals when I first stepped into this position five years ago," Heinrichs said in a statement released by the federation. "No one is a national team coach forever and for me personally, this is the right time

to step away."

Heinrich had a record of 87-17-20 capped by the gold 87-17-20 capped by the gold medal last summer in the Athens Olympics. Her 124 games coached is a record.

She also was the head coach for the USA's third-place finish in the 2003 Women's World Cup and its second-place finish in the 2000 Olympics

Heinrichs said the timing was right for a change.

"For the program moving forward, there is enough time for a new coach to prepare for the next Women's World Cup and Olympics," she said.

The new coach is expected to build the program around young-er players. Many of the stars of team that won the World Cup in 1999 led by Mia Hamm have either retired from international play or are close to retirement.

Neuheisel disputes claim that he was warned about lying

KENT, Wash. - Rick Neuheisel firmly disputed trial testi-mony by his University of Washington boss, who told jurors two weeks ago the football coach was warned in early 2003 that his lies couldn't be tolerated.

Neuheisel also insisted Tuesday, during his third full day on the stand in his King County Sunerior Court lawsuit against Washington and the NCAA, that then-athletic director Barbara Hedges knew he had spoken with the San Francisco 49ers in Febru-ary 2003 about the team's head coaching job

"In my mind, she knew," Neuheisel said.

He explained that he indicated "in code" to Hedges that he had interviewed for the job by saving one day after the interview: "Barbara, all you need to know is that I was in San Francisco playing

Neuheisel contends Washington administrators wrongfully fired him in June 2003 under pressure from the NCAA.

He spent the entire day Tues day under cross-examination by university lawyer Lou Peterson.

Jurors also listened to two radio show interviews, one from Feb. 10, 2003, in which Neuheisel denied interviewing for the 49ers job, and another from Feb. 13, in which he admitted he had lied and apologized.

School officials maintain Neuheisel was told after the 49ers' incident that more lies wouldn't be



They said he gambling on NCAA baskethall and for ini-

tially lying about the gambling when questioned by NCAA inves tigators. He told the truth to the investigators later the same day

Neuheisel is asking jurors to decide who they're going to believe. As the trial's first witness, Hedges said Neuheisel was clearly advised he was facing a serious issue after the 49ers episode and she couldn't tolerate additional lies.

Yet during his turn on the stand, Neuheisel insisted other-

"I had not lied to Barbara She knew" about the 49ers' interview. he said Neuheisel also flatly rejected

Peterson's suggestion that he was advised in mid-February 2003 by then-university president Lee Huntsman that administrators would hold him to a high ethical

'He didn't call me. ... I think I would have remembered a phone call with someone of Lee Hunts man's stature," Neuheisel testi fied. "I'm very comfortable tell-

ing you it did not happen."
The coach also disputed Hedges' testimony that he was told a written warning about his lies would be placed in his personnel file. Such a memo, Hedges testified wouldn't have to be made public and would help Neuheisel avoid more embarrassment.

Barbara Hedges never told me about a letter of reprimand. Not one time. Ever," Neuheisel

Four-time Olympic swimming champion Popov retiring

MOSCOW - Four-time Olympic champion Alexander Popov is

The 33-year-old Popov reached the decision last month while at a short-course World Cup meet in

Moscow, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported Wednesday. He won the 50 and 100 meters at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and 1996 Atlanta Olympics, the first repeat 100 champion since

Johnny Weissmuller in 1924-28. Venus, Schnyder advance in Antwerp

ANTWERP, Belgium — Venus Williams opened her quest to claim a \$1.3 million gold-and-diamond trophy with a 6-3, 6-0 win over Virginie Razzano of France on Wednesday, setting up a Diamond Games quarterfinal against Kim Cliisters.

The third-seeded Williams would earn the trophy by becoming the first player to win the tour-nament three times in a five-year snan

She was the champion in 2002 and 2003, then missed last year's event with a knee injury

Clijsters, like Williams a former world No. 1, knocked off fifth-seeded Nadia Petrova 7-5. 6-7 (3), 6-1. This is Clijsters' first action in four months; she's been out with a left wrist injury that cost her much of the 2004 season. In other action Wednesday, sev

enth-seeded Patty Schnyder of Switzerland beat qualifier Camille Pin of France 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

Questions about steroids hover as first camps open

By RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - Not even the first day of pitchers and catchers could supplant the talk of steroids

and syringes in baseball. Steroids were the No. 1 topic Tuesday, when the new Washington Nationals, the New York Yankees and the Cincinnati Reds opened camp.

It doesn't go away, unfortunately," Yankees manager Joe Torre said

Spring roundup

Seven more teams were to report to spring training Wednesday, and workouts begin Thurs-

day — 45 days

hefore World Series champion Boston Red Sox and Yankees play the major league opener April 3. The Minnesota Twins will be the last

team to report, on Sunday Ken Griffey Jr. ran for the Reds' medical staff in Sarasota, showing how far he has recovered from surgery on his torn right hamstring. Pedro Martinez. an early arrival at the New York Mets' camp, worked out in Port St. Lucie. And Trot Nixon kept up the Yankees-Red Sox sniping, say-ing of Alex Rodriguez: "He can't stand up to [Derek] Jeter in my book or Bernie Williams or [Jorge] Posada."

The Nationals had the most complicated journey to spring training. After 36 seasons as the Montreal Expos, the team morphed into Washington's first maior league team since the exnansion Senators became the Texas Rangers after the 1971 sea-

Owned by Major League Baseball since early 2002, the team was uncertain of its fate for three seasons before the move to the nation's capital was finalized in December.

"It's been a long journey, catcher Brian Schneider said

"We've wanted this for a while, and it's here now. We're ready for it, that's for sure."

As camps opened, there was a new steroid report. The New York Daily News said Tuesday that an FBI agent in Ann Arbor, Mich told baseball security head



Author and former major leaguer lose Canseco talks with radio hosts Rob Dibble and Kevin Kennedy about his book "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits & How Baseball Got Big" on Tuesday during the debut of XM Satellite Radio's MLB Home Plate channel in Los Angeles.

Kevin Hallinan about 10 years ago that Jose Canseco and other players were using illegal anabolic steroids

Talerted Major League Base ball back in the time when we had a case, that Canseco was a heavy user and that they should be aware of it," Special Agent Greg Stejskal was quoted as saying. "I spoke to the people in their security office. Hallinan was one of the neonle I snoke to?

Calls to Steiskal's office in Ann Arbor and to FBI headquarters in Washington were referred to the Detroit FBI office, where spokeswoman Agent Dawn Clenney said Stejskal and the agency would have nothing to say

"I don't think I was off-base with anything I said," Stejskal told the Daily News in Wednesday's editions

Hallinan was traveling and

didn't return telephone calls seeking comment. He told the News he never was contacted then about stemid use

"I can't understand why Kevin reacted so vehemently, and I'm sorry that Kevin put himself in that position to be so angry," Steiskal said.

"I have absolute confidence in his integrity," Sandy Alderson, executive vice president for baseball operations in the commissioner's office, said of Hallinan. "We are looking into the situation described by the agent to see if we can figure out what exactly took place. There may have been someone else he talked to. There are a number of possibilities. We want to see if there is some reasonable view of his explanation and Kevin's

Canseco's autobiography, pub-lished this week, accused the Yankees' Jason Giambi and others of using steroids.

"He's my biggest question mark this spring." Torre said. "We have to see what kind of player he is."

Still, baseball's new drug-testing agreement - calling for harsher penalties and more fre quent testing - remains in the

drafting phase. Baseball manage ment expects the new rules to be in place by the mandatory reporting date March 1 "I know that we were well on our way to having serious steroid testing, drug testing, and we still

are and we didn't need a book to come out and tell us that we need. ed to do something." Nixon said. Baltimore shortston Miguel Te jada, among the players accused

by Canseco, denied that he used steroids. "Any inference made by Jose

Canseco that I used steroids is complete false," Tejada said in a statement. "I barely knew Jose during his career, so it is ridiculous for him to suggest we ever had discussions regarding their

Gary Sheffield, who said last October he unwittingly used substances that contained steroids told the Daily News and New Vork Post at Vankees camp he

"When people sit here and say I didn't know I took steroids — I didn't take steroids." he told the News for Wednesday's editions.

"The bottom line is I put rubbing cream on my leg, and if somebody says that's steroids, that's a bunch of hogwash.

"People are going to put a spin on whatever they're going to put a spin on. ... I'm not like Jason Giambi, I'm not going to sit here and cry about things being unfair or attacks are unfair.

Sheffield said Giambi will probably face some abuse from fans during the season.

"He has to go through it," Sheffield said of his teammate.

"He's the reason he's going through it, but that's part of it. I don't think anybody will give you nats on the back

At Boston's camp in Fort Myers, Nixon wasted little time in adding some boil under basehall's most heated rivalry, joining Curt Schilling in criticizing Rodriguez.

"He's done some great things on the field. He's one of the best baseball players in the game and probably will be when it's all said and done," Nixon said. "But when people ask me about the Yankees. I tell them about Jeter and Bernie Williams and Posada, I don't tell them about Rodriguez

Rodriguez's spokesman, Steve Fortunato, said he couldn't reach A-Rod for comment.

As for Griffey, the Reds will have a better idea of his strength and flexibility after he has a physical Wednesday. The 35-year-old center fielder tore the hamstring from the hone while making a sliding play in the outfield last August. Doctors reattached his hamstring using three screws.

Across the state, Martinez showed up at camp last week -10 days early - and was back at the Mets' complex Tuesday, playing long toss on a minor league field before spending hours in the weight room.

"What really caught my attention the most is how hard they work — so early." Martinez said "I know I'm going to get a full workout here. No nursing here.'

Anaheim appeals injunction denial in Angels name change

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Council members voted Tuesday to anpeal a judge's refusal to grant a preliminary injunction to the city in its attempt to block the Angels from adding Los Angeles to their

The team, formerly the Anaheim Angels, is now called the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. "We recognize that most pretri-

al appeals are not successful, but this decision merits further review and the city must pursue every available legal means to obtain the benefits that were promised the people of Anaheim under



the contract in 1996." Mayor Curt Pringle said in a statement.

Superior Court Judge Peter Polos last month also denied a request for a temporary restraining order after the city sued the An gels, claiming the name switch would violate the team's lease of the stadium. The judge, however, said that the contract requires only that Anaheim be included in the name.

"We regret that Arte Moreno and the Anaheim Angels' managethis lawsuit and continue to implore him to reconsider this misguided marketing effort," Pringle

A phone call to Angels spokesman Tim Mead seeking comment was not immediately returned.

The team has maintained that the new name would attract more fans advertisers and broadcast contracts by emphasizing its connection to the nation's second-largest media market

Mariners pitching prospect Blackley out for season

SEATTLE - Seattle Mariners pitching prospect Travis Blackley will miss the entire season after having surgery last week to re pair two tears in the labrum of his throwing shoulder.

Blackley was 1-3 with a 10.04

ERA last season before he was sent down to Triple-A Tacoma The left-hander finished the season on the disabled list.

Doctors wanted Blackley to rest and rehabilitate the shoulder over the winter but his pain never went away. During an exam last week, renowned shoulder special ist Dr. Lewis Yocum determined surgery was needed.

The 22-year-old Blackley was 17-3 in 2003 at Double-A San Antonio, and 8-6 with a 3.83 ERA last season for Tacoma.

Red Sox add reliever, infielder

FORT MYERS, Fla. — The Boston Red Sox signed right-handed reliever Denney Tomori, a 14-year veteran of baseball in Japan, and acquired infielder Aleiandro Machado from the Washington Nationals on Tuesday.

Tomori, 37, agreed to a one-year minor-league contract with an invitation to the major-league team's spring training camp. In 360 games with three Jananese teams, he is 18-28 with 30 saves and a 3.96 ERA.

Machado, a 22-year-old switch hitter, was acquired for a player to be named or cash consider-

Bills to cut Bledsoe, promote Losman

BY JOHN WAWROW The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Unwilling to accept a secondary role with the Buffalo Bills, quarterback Drew Bledsoe is seeking a new team for another opportunity to be a starter.

Granting Biedsoc's request to be cut, the Bills announced Wednesday they will waive the 12-year veteran Feb. 22, the first day NFL teams are allowed to officially release players. The decision came after the Bills informed him last week of their plans to give the starting job to JP. Losman, Buffalo's second of two first-round draft choices last year.

"I completely disagree and can't understand their point of view," Bledsoe said during a conference call from his home in Oregon. "Do I think this is fair? No, I don't think it's fair. But I'm also aware that that's how it works, and I understand that.

"I just don't see myself being a backup in this league. If it comes to that, you'll probably see me just tip my hat and head back to the northwest"

Describing it as "a sad day," the 33-year-old wrapped up an inconsistent three-year tenure with Buffalo in which he started all 48 games. Bills President Tom Dona-



Drew Bledsoe, 33, wanted to start for another team instead of staying in Buffalo as a backup.

hoe credited Bledsoe for helping turn around a team that was 3-13 before Buffalo acquired him for a first-round draft pick in a deal with New England in April 2002.

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"When Drew came here, we were in a big black hole with this football team. And he certainly helped us get out of that," Donahoe said. "He brought respectability back to the Bills, and he brought credibility to our football team."

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What Bledsoe didn't bring was
enough victories, finishing 23-25
with the Bills, or lead the team to
its first postseason berth since
1999. They came close last season
and finished 9-7, but the team
was eliminated from playoff contention with a season-ending loss
to Pittsburgh.

Bledsoe's declining passing numbers and lack of mobility led the Bills to turn to Losman. Selected 22nd overall out of Tulane, Losman is a strong-armed and fleet-footed player who made four mop-up appearances after missing the first half of last season with a broken left les

Six-time champ commits to race in Tour de France

BY JOHN LEICESTE

The Associated Press

PARIS — Lance Armstrong will be back in the saddle in this year's Tour de France, chasing title No. 7.

The Tour's only six-time winner finally put an end to questions about his plans for 2005, announcing Wednesday on his Discovery Channel team's Web site that he'll try to extend his record streak of victories in cycling's most presticious event.

"Tam grateful for the opportunity that Discovery Communications has given the team and look forward to achieving my goal of a seventh Tour de France," Armstrong said, according to the

Until Wednesday, the Texan had left open the possibility that he wouldn't compete in this year's Tour. As recently as last month, Armstrong said: "I'll definitely be in France this summer. It just might not be on the bike."

He has said he's ready to pur-

sue other challenges in racing and wants to try to win other big races. Still, he has dedicated most of his cycling life to the Tour, leaving little room for such Classic races as the Spanish Vuelta, the Paris-Roubaix or Fleche Wallone, which he won in 1996 shortly be-

fore being diagnosed with testicular cancer.
His sixth Tour crown last year elevated Armstrong above four five-time champions: Jacques Anquetil, Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault and Miguel Indurain.

The team Web site said Armstrong will start his 2005 season with the Paris-Nice stage race in March. He will then compete in the Tour of Flanders on April 3, before returning to the United States to defend his title in the Tour de Georgia later that month.

Armstrong told the Web site that he and Johan Bruyneel, his friend and team manager, "will evaluate my fitness later this spring and possibly add some races to the calendar."

"I am excited to get back on the

bike and start racing," Armstrong said, "although my condition is far from perfect."

Other racers probably won't

give much weight to that last bit. After all, while the Texan will be nearly 34 when the Tour begins July 2 — too old, some might think, to win the three-week cycling marathon yet again — there were plenty of doubters last year, too. And yet Armstrong managed to defeat younger competitors with arguably his most dominant Tour de France performance ever.

"It's good that he is there. The best should be at the Tour," said Jan Ullrich, the 1997 Tour champion and five-time runner-up who is one of Armstrong's biggest rivals.

Andreas Kloden, last year's runner-up, said: "I always said he would ride. I am glad he's there." Armstrong showed last year that in the saddle, he can shut out

Armstrong showed last year that in the saddle, he can shut out all manner of distractions — from a court battle over a book that implied he used drugs to all the attention focused on his girlfriend, singer Sheryl Crow — to focus on winning.

Lost: Fallout from canceled NHL season is widespread

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"If you read into what [Bett-man] said, it sounds like there is still an opportunity to get things done," the Detroit Red Wings captain said. "The principles are there to make a deal, so I still think something can happen in the next day or two, because we're really not that far apart."

Goodenow was less optimistic.
"I think it's a fresh start and everything is off the table," he said.
"It's a totally new environment.
That much is for sure.

"As far as anything happening this afternoon, it's not happening."

Before Monday, the idea of a salary cap was a deal-breaker for the players' association, but the union gave in and said it would accept one after the NHL dropped its insistence that there be a link between revenues and player costs.

That still wasn't enough to end the lockout that started on Sept. 16 and ultimately wiped out the 1,230-game schedule that was to begin in October.

Now those concessions are off the table.

"By necessity, we have to go back to linkage since no one knows what the damage to the sport will be," Bettman said.

The NHL's last game was in June, when the Tampa Bay Lightning beat Calgary 2-1 in Game 7 to win the Stanley Cup.

Since then, a lot of stars and more than 300 of the league's 700-plus players have spent part of this season playing in Europe. Whenever a deal is reached

there won't be a clear-cut way to determine the draft order. Washington had the No. 1 selection last year and grabbed Russian sensation Alexander Ovechkin. No doubt the lowly Capitals would love to have the first pick again. Shortly after Bettman took over

as commissioner, a lockout cut the 1994-95 regular season to 48 games, still more than half the schedule.

The NHL began preparing for the possibility of another lockout in 1998 when each team contributed 510 million toward a \$300 million war chest. The collective bargaining agreement, which expired on Sept. 15, was extended twice after it was originally signed in 1995. That allowed for the NHL to complete its expansion plans without interruting play.

"We lived through a decade of a collective bargaining agreement that didn't work," Bettman said. "It doesn't matter whose fault it was."

A year ago, there were those who said at least one season was sure to be lost and that two was not out of the question.

Hockey's Olympian free fall

BY JOHN LINDSAY Scripps Howard News Service

Twenty-five years ago next week is the silver anniversary of what Sports Illustrated correctly tabbed the greatest sports moment of the 20th Century.

And it's interesting to note that neither the goliath National Football League, stodgy Major League Baseball nor the athletically gifted NBA had anything to do with it.

Instead, it was a young hockey team that lifted a nation's collective spirits. And while it is impossible to ignore the political overtones of the United States' victory over the heavily favored Soviet Union in the 1980 Winter Olympics semifinals in Lake Placid, N.Y., the moment only came cought the property of the p

We bring this up in light of the abyss professional hockey has fallen into with Wednesday's cancellation of the 2004-05 season, the first time a North American pro league has lost a season to a labor dispute. Many media types insit this is old news as no one cares about the NHL lockout or hockey in general, anyway.

Well, to paraphrase Simon and Garfunkel, back in 1980 a nation turned its lonely eyes to hockey. And hockey came up large for that nation.

So how did it all go so wrong? How did what is essentially a niche sport now fall so hard, so quickly? After all, it wasn't as if the 1980 Olympics were the high point for pucks in North America.

It was only 10 years ago that those same S.I. editors pro-

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claimed the NHL was hotter than the NBA. New York sure cared when the Rangers won the Stanley Cup in 1994. Colorado gave more than a darn when the Avalanche hoisted Denver's first major sports title in 1996. Or in Detroit when the Red Wings won consecutive Cups in 1997 and '98. And the sport remains close to a religion in Canada.

Yet all that was before the NHL got caught in the perfect storm of greed, stubbornness and stupidity. How long it will take to even assess the damage from this is anybody's guess.

The sad thing is that it's fairly simple to pick a side in most pro sports work stoppages. But not this time. The NHL owners and players are both to blame for putting the sport on life support.

Choosing between these two is like giving the condemned man the choice between the firing squad and the guillotine. On might be a lot messier than the other, but the end result is the same. No wonder most hockey fans have chosen ambivalence.

Even though they already claim nearly 57 percent of the sport's revenues, NHL players believe that the league is better served if they make more and more cash. This fallacy is shot down by common sense.

History shows it can be suicidal

for a sport to give its stars eight-figure, multi-year guaranteed contracts. Anyone who saw Jaromir Jagr loaf through his two-plus seasons as a Washington Capital (price tag \$25 million) knows this is true. NHL owners claim that the only way to cure the sport's ills is with a hard, NFL-style salary cap. Never mind that comparing the NHL to the NFL in terms of popularity, money, TV contracts, etc. is ridiculous.

The fact that you can take the total TV viewers of the past five Stanley Cup finals and add them up and you still don't equal a bad Monday Night Football game should be a clue that the sports just aren't comparable.

Yet NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman—let's just call him Bud Selig on skates — has bamboozled enough of his owners into believing this nonsense. And if you thought the 2000 presidential election in Florida was crooked, wait until you hear Bettman's explanation of how his sport will recover once this thing is finally settled.

Bettman is using Tex Schram's break-the-union playbook from the 1987 NFL strike, so his next move will be declaring an impasse and implementing his salary cap. With the help of — drum roll, please — replacement players.

But this isn't likely to work on what few NHL fans remain next fall. That's because there has been minor-league hockey in the U.S. and Canada for decades so there's no curiosity factor to draw in fans as NFL replacement players did 18 years ago.

Torturing already beleaguered fans like this is bascally a human rights violation. The only good thing about this misery is that once the dust settles, Bettman, his hard-line owners and short-sighted players will be dividing less than half as much cash as they did just a year ago.

And as far as perfect endings go, that one rivals United States 4, Soviet Union 3.

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Ice capades end in lost season

With owners, players \$6.5M apart on cap ceiling, sides can't make a deal

BY IRA PODELL

NEW YORK — A hockey season on the

brink is now a season gone bust.

The NHL canceled what was left of its decimated schedule Wednesday after a round of last-gasp negotiations failed to resolve differences over a salary cap — the flash-point issue that led to a lockout.

It's the first time a major pro sports league in North America lost an entire season to a labor dispute. The resulting damage could be immeasurable to hockey, which already has limited appeal in the United States.

"This is a sad, regrettable day that all of us wish could have been avoided," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said.

"Every day that this thing continues we don't think it's good for the game," NHLPA executive director Bob Goodenow said in Toronto.

All momentum gained in the final days of negotiations has been lost. Late offers that appeared to bring the sides close to a deal are now off the table, and there's no telling when the NHL will get back on ice.

No Stanley Cup will be awarded, the first time that's happened since 1919, when the 2-year-old league called off the finals because of a flu epidemic.

Without an agreement, there can be no June draft. The sport's heralded next big thing, Canadian phenom Sidney Crosby, won't pull on his first NHL sweater anytime soon.

Then there is the parade of aging stars— Mario Lemieux (39), Mark Messier (44), Steve Yzerman (39) Brett Hull (40), Ron Francis (41), Dave Andreychuk (41) and Chris Chelios (43) — whose playing days could be ending on someone else's terms.

"This is a tragedy for the players," Bettman said. "Their careers are short and this is money and opportunity they'll never get back"

Despite being the NHL's best-known star, there was never a chance that Pittsburgh's Lemieux, the first owner-player in modern American pro sports history, would side with the players.

"A few years ago, I thought the owners were making a lot of money and were hiding some under the table, but then I got on this side and saw the losses this league was accumulating," he said Wednesday.



Commissioner Gary Bettman, who represents NHL owners, said during his news conference on Wednesday that he found it difficult to negotiate with a group that was unaware of the league's economics.



NHL Players Association executive director Bob Goodenow said during the union's news conference on Wednesday that the players continually adressed the owners' concerns throughout the negotiations.

Jim McKenzie

Hockey was already a distant fourth on the popularity scale among the nation's major league sports. The NHL lost the first season of its two-year broadcasting agreement with NBC that was supposed to begin this season, a revenue-sharing deal in which the network is not even paying rights fees.

Taking a year off, or more, will only push the league further off the radar screen.

"The scary part now for hockey is do the fans come back? We're not baseball, we're not the national pastime," Nashville Predators forward Jim McKenzie said. Between shifts of a pickup game at the

Denver rink where the Avalanche used to practice, fan Don Cameron called the cancellation "a shame." "When they come back, it's not going to

"When they come back, it's not going to be as easy to pay for a \$90 season ticket," he said.

Not to mention how difficult it will be for all the ushers, trainers, officials, Zamboni drivers and businesses near arenas that will continue to be affected.

"If you want to know how I feel, I'll summarize it in one word — terrible," Bettman

said.

Bettman said the sides would keep working toward an agreement.

"We're planning to have hockey next season" he said

Goodenow stressed that the players had already given a lot of ground. "Every offer by the players moved in the owners' direction." he said.

"Keep one thing perfectly clear," Goodenow said. "The players never asked for more money — they just asked for a marketblace."

The league and players' union traded a flurry of proposals and letters Tuesday night, but could never agree on a cap. The players proposed \$49 million per team; the owners said \$42.5 million. But a series of conditions and fine print in both proposals made the offers further apart than just \$6.5 million per team.

"We weren't as close as people were speculating," Bettman said.

Although Bettman was unequivocal in announcing the cancellation, Yzerman held out hope that some kind of a resolution was still nossible.

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